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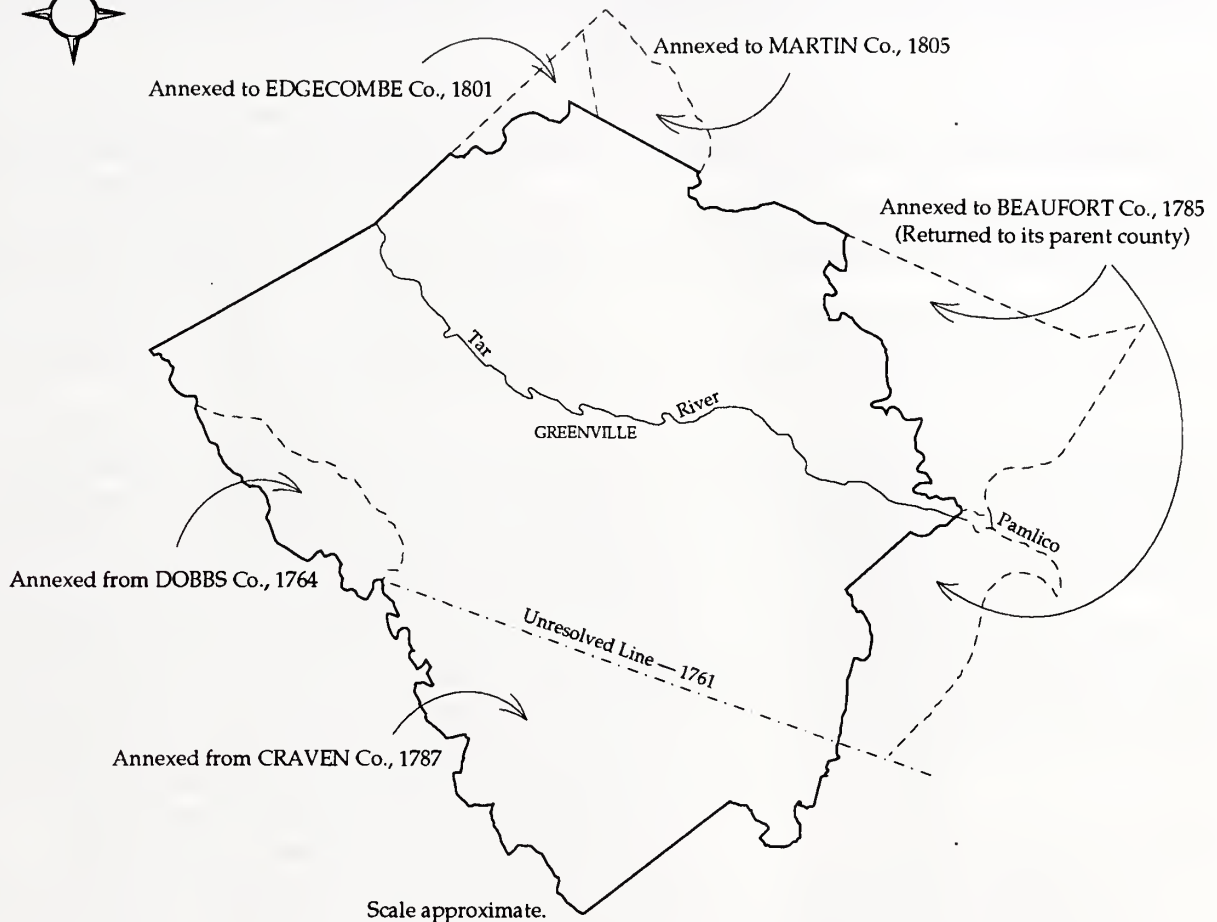
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# PITT COUNTY FORMATION MAP



## The Changing Shape of Pitt County, North Carolina: 1761–1895

### Parent Counties:

Bath County, 1696  
Pamptecough, 1705  
Beaufort, 1712

### Pitt County, formed Jan. 1, 1761

Dobbs line established 1764  
Original Edgecombe & Martin lines established 1784  
Eastern portions returned to Beaufort, 1785  
Southern portion annexed from Craven, 1787  
Northern portion annexed to Edgecombe, 1801  
Northern portion annexed to Martin, 1805  
Craven line redrawn, 1818  
Edgecombe & Martin lines redrawn, 1894  
Greene (old Dobbs) line drawn, 1895

Maps drawn by Elizabeth Ross, 1989  
References: G. P. Stout, D. L. Corbitt  
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# PITT COUNTY CHURCH HISTORY

The following article was written by the late Jesse Lillington Jackson (1874–1969), local historian, and published by the *Greenville Daily Reflector* on August 25, 1950; it is presented here verbatim.



We frequently see a statement—“Churches Make News.” This is true in more ways than one. They influence not only the religious life but the educational and social, and in many instances, the political life of a community.

Churches not only make news, they make history as well, as will be seen from a study of a few of the early churches of Pitt County and the public-spirited and religious-minded men and women who constituted them.

As we look into the early days of these churches and the obstacles and difficulties, religious, social, political and territorial our appreciation for their character increase as we learn more of them.

It was not long after the first settlers came into what is now Pitt County until houses of worship began to be built. Some of the first of these built largely through the efforts of one man, aided by his neighbors. In many instances the Meeting House bore the name of the man who took the leading part in its construction. Note the following names: **WHITFIELD's** Meeting House, on Little Contentnea Creek, 1796; **ROUNTREE's** Meeting House, 1822; **FORBES** Meeting House, 1805 (where) [?]; **TYSON's** Church (was there as early as 1833); **GALLOWAY's** Church (1828); **HANCOCK's** Church, first called Hancock's Meeting House, 1798; **FELLOWS** Chapel built before 1819. These are a few that took the names of individuals. The topography of the section gave names to many other: Gum Swamp was organized before 1732. This was one of 16 Baptist churches in N. C. at that time; Red Banks, 1758; Briery Swamp, 1827 (formerly called Grindle Creek); Great Swamp, 1795; Cross Roads, 1871; Oak Grove, 1834; and Flat Swamp are a few of these.

Some of the first members of these churches were:

Briery Swamp — Members who constituted this church were dismissed from Tranters Creek for the purpose of forming a new church. They were: William **COOPER**, William **CLARK** (both licensed ministers), Robert F. **LANIER**, Benjamin E. **EBORN**, Beazer **BARROW**, Lucilla **EBORN**, Penelope **LLOYD**, Louisa P. **CLARK**, Eleanor **BARROW** (these were white) and Tom **BOSTON**, Clarissa **EASTON** and Hannah . . . (colored).

Oak Grove (Disciple)— organized Oct. 25, 1934 [1834?]. First officers: Jeremiah **LEGGETT**, pastor; Henry **ROBERSON**, clerk; George **BRITTON** and Nathanael **KEEL**, deacons.

Hancock's (Baptist) — Organized July 23, 1808, at Hancock's M. H. of the following members who had been dismissed from Red Banks for that purpose: Jonathan **FELLOWS**, James **RINGGOLD**, Charles **HADDOCK**, Keziah **MILLS**, Pegge **STOCKS**, Sarah **HELLEN**, Elizabeth **FELLOWS** and Sarah **TUCKER**. After the organization on the same day the following were received: James **POWELL**, Kiddy **POWELL**, Jemima **PETTIT**, and Grace, “a black woman.”

ROUNTREE's M. H.— March 3, 1827 the following were dismissed from **HANCOCK's** Church for the purpose of forming a church at **ROUNTREE's**: James **RINGGOLD**, John **RINGGOLD**, Allen **BLOUNT**, Charles **ROUNTREE**, John **VINCENT**, Susannah **ROUNTREE**, Delitha **HARRISON**, Susannah **STOCKS**, Kitty **POWELL**, Elizabeth **PARKER**, Nancy **ROGERS**, Fereby **PARKER**, Rachel **READE**, and Polly **ATKINSON**. The church was formed in April 1827.

(From the above two paragraphs you will see that Rountree's Church is a grandchild of Red Banks.)

GALLOWAY Church— Organized October 15, 1828 with the following members: Caleb **SMITH**, Lanier **GRIFFIN**, Noah **BUCK**, William **GALLOWAY**, John **HADDOCK**, Henry **SMITH, Jr.**, Elijah **HARRISON**, Martin **NELSON**, Sarah **MILLS**, Elizabeth **MILLS**, Nancy **BROOKS**, Elizabeth **HADDOCK**, Mary **GLADSON**, Nancy **BOYD**, Laney **SMITH**, Mima **HADDOCK**, Rachel **NELSON**, Celah **HARRISON**, Nancy **BUCK**, Margaret **POWELL**, Martha **GALLOWAY**.



Red Banks— A little of its early history: Organized November 20, 1758 with about 20 members. Thomas POPE and Joseph WILLIS were among the organizers. The first pastor was Jeremiah RHAME. By 1771 membership had increased to 95. RHAME moved away and the church became unsettled but became more regular under pastorate of John THOMAS. William TRAVIS and John MOYE were among principal members. Abram BAKER was pastor from 1782 till 1789 when the membership numbered 104.

Along about that time there were three ministers in the church. They were: Noah TYSON, John VINSON, and George GRANBERRY. In order to see who should be pastor they cast lots (gambled) and the lot fell on John VINSON. At first he was well thought of and gave satisfaction but later when his wife would not live with him there was much dissatisfaction and the church dwindled. GRANBERRY went to Georgia and TYSON took on the pastorate of Great Swamp. This was the situation for some time. James HANCOCK was a teaching member but he never became pastor. Later there was a revival and 27 were baptised in one year. In 1803 membership was back to 79. In 1832 James GRIFFIN was pastor and there were 74 members. In 1934 [1834] there were two pastors— James GRIFFIN and Lanier GRIFFIN, brothers, and there were only 43 members.

Fellow's Chapel was built by, or at least named for, Jonathan FELLOWS and was located on west side of Swift Creek on the Gum Swamp road, about where Lewis COX used to live. This chapel was used by any denomination that wished to have meetings there— Baptists, Disciples, Episcopalians, Free Will Baptists or others. This was the starting place for Saint John's, Timothy Riverside, Salem and probably others.

Great Swamp— Formerly a branch of Flat Swamp and called Tar River Church was dismissed from Flat Swamp in 1795. Noah TYSON was its first pastor. After him came: James EWELL, Luke WARD, Elder ATKINSON, John H. DANIEL, Lanier GRIFFIN. William SHIVERS was clerk in 1851. In 1863 two members, Wm. A. ROSS and James GRIFFIN became co-pastors.

Flat Swamp Church— This church near the Pitt-Martin line was originally a branch of Toisnot Church in Edgecombe County. It was organized in 1776 as a result of the labors of Elder Jonathan THOMAS. Its first pastor was John PAGE. From 1800 to 1803 under leadership of Luke WARD 142 members were added. This was the mother church of Skewarky and Conoho in Martin County, Little Conetoe in Edgecombe and Great Swamp in Pitt.

Cross Roads Church— This was one of the shortest-lived churches of which I have any record. It was located about a mile from Hanrahan Cross Roads on the road toward Saint John's Church. It was organized July 1, 1871 with the following members who had been dismissed from Hancock's Church for this purpose. Members were: Gideon and Nancy WEATHINGTON, Stephen and Mary HARRIS, William and Sereny MUMFORD, David and Mary CANNON, Warren MCLAWHON, Mandy PARKER, Lovey, Alcey and Pation SMITH. Barbara NELSON was received at first meeting. Noah ADAMS was moderator and Charles PARKERSON, clerk. ADAMS was elected pastor, Gideon WEATHINGTON, deacon and William MUMFORD, treasurer. In 1873 Noah ADAMS was given the "privilege of throwing up pastor's place." John A. WILLIAMS was elected in his place. In 1875 the "Old School or Primitive Baptists" bought one half acre of land on the New Bern road from Jackson PITTMAN on which to build a church. After many ups and downs, dismissals and restoration, and many changes of pastor the church ceased operations about 1894. Charles E. PARKERSON was clerk throughout the entire existence of the church.

Timothy Church— This church affords a good example of hardships encountered and overcome by some of the church builders of the past. Mrs. Alicy MOORE's husband Churchwell MOORE had died in 1856 leaving her with ten children. With indomitable energy she took on the extra burden of securing land and materials for building a church. The land she secured from her brother Amariah GARDNER. Deed given by him has following provisions: "There shall never be any school except Sunday School taught in said church, and the above-named church shall have no right to sell or give said premises to any person or persons or society whatsoever but said land shall belong to the Disciples of Christ forever for the interest of thanksgiving and worshipping Almighty God."





Some other deeds:

Mount Pleasant Church— John R. BROWN and his wife Martha on April 30, 1870 made deed for two acres of land on Swamp Road leading from Greenville to Tarboro, for one dollar, to Willie STANCIL, elder and Lewis J. SMITH, deacon to the Church of Christ now worshipping at BROWN's Schoolhouse for the sole use of the Disciples of Christ forever.

Antioch Christian Baptist Church (Farmville)— Deed made by James W. MAY in 1854 to Peter E. HINES, Richard A. BYNUM, Sherrod BELCHER, Josiah BARRETT, Trustees, one acre of land around and including the church near the old schoolhouse. Witnesses to the deed: Benjamin BELCHER and Moses BELCHER.

ROUNTREE Church— In 1815 deed from Jonathan FRIZZLE to Jesse ROUNTREE and James POWELL in trust for members of Baptist Church, for love and affection and further for five shillings one acre joining John HARDISON on road leading from Greenville to Charles JENKINS near the new Meeting House.

Reformed Baptist Church— August 20, 1827 deed from Richard HINES of Edgecombe County to Reformed Baptist Church two acres of land on north side of Clayroot Swamp and on east side of Horsepen Branch.

James ROACH and his Church of Baptists— In 1798, deed from Willis RANDOLPH to James ROACH and his Church of Baptists one acre north of Tar River and east of Conetoe Creek. Witnesses Frederick SUMERELL and Jesse HICKMAN. This was probably what is now Gum Swamp Church.

Saint John's (Episcopal)— Previous to the organization of this church there had been a Grace Chapel served by the rector of the Christ Church of New Bern. Grace Chapel was probably located not far from the Craven County line. Saint John's was organized January 31, 1945 [1845?]. The organization committee consisted of: Jesse NOBLE, Lewis B. PUGH, William A. PUGH, Bryan KILPATRICK, Frederick JOHNSON, Joel PATRICK, John Henry BURNEY, Allen PATRICK and maybe others. Meetings were held at Fellow's Chapel till a church was built. The first meeting in the new church was Easter Sunday, April 1, 1873. Some of the first rectors were Rev. N. Collin HUGHES, Rev. S. S. BARBER and Rev. S. W. KENNERLY.

Black Jack (Free Will Baptist)— In 1831 William MILLS deeded one acre of land at the cross roads between William MILLS and Harvey MILLS to Urias ELKS, Robert DIXON, and Jordan COX for the Free Will Baptist Church which is intended to be built. Consideration \$5. Deed was recorded in 1835. Witnesses to deed: Noah ARNOLD and Ares BUCK.

M. E. Church in Greenville— May 7, 1833 deed of Allen S. NOBLES, Warren NOBLES, Simon J. JONES, Samuel J. WHITLEY and Benjamin STANCIL, trustees Lot No. 5, 1/2 acre for use of M. E. Church, south.

Greenville Baptist Church— Sept. 10, 1827 Joe B. JUDKINS deeded Lot No. 4 in the Plan of Greenville to Reading S. BLOUNT, trustee, for use and benefit of Baptist Church in Greenville which was constituted July 2, 1827. Consideration \$50. On April 26, 1836 Reading S. BLOUNT deeded the lot to David LAWRENCE for the sole use and benefit of the Baptist Church in Greenville. In 1834 this church had 51 members but no pastor. T. D. MASON had previously been pastor. The late Carlos HARRIS, one of the older men of Greenville said a Mr. CUTTS who had been living at Pactolus was the architect and builder of the first church. Older records of this church have been destroyed in several fires.

The following deed for the land on which HANCOCK's Church was built is interesting because it gives the doctrines of the church. This deed is recorded in Book "O" page 241 in the Register of Deeds office in Greenville.

Deed of Thomas HARDEE, Sen. to James HANCOCK and Francis BOND:

"North Carolina

"Pitt County

"Whereas it is highly and indispensably necessary that all people who profess religious principles should have houses of worship in the different neighborhoods to convene and meet at all





times where convenient to serve the Lord and we the members of the Baptist Church holding and professing the following principles; viz. Of three equal persons in the Godhead, Eternal Election, Original Sin, Particular Redemption, Free Justification by the Righteousness of Christ imputed and the Perseverance of the Saints in Grace etc., of the county and state aforesaid have thought proper to constitute and appoint our brothers, viz. James HANCOCK and Francis BOND and on trust for the members of the Baptist Church who profess and hold forth the aforesaid principles to purchase, receive by gift, or secure in any other lawful manner one acre of land in the county aforesaid on the waters of Swift Creek Swamp for the purpose of building one or more houses thereon at any time when it shall be deemed and thought necessary by the members as aforesaid, for the purposes and use of the people who profess and hold forth the above mentioned principles aforesaid.

"Now this indenture witnesseth that I, Thomas HARDEE, Sen. of the state and county aforesaid, Have and do for the good will, love an affection which I have and do bear for the members of the Baptist Church and also for the consideration of five shillings." (Then follows the ordinary wording of deeds of that period). Then the description in part as follows: Beginning at a red oak bush on the main public road near Jumping Run, "part of patent of 1779 to Thomas HARDEE, Sen." containing one acre.

"(Signed) Thomas HARDEE, Sen. September 1798

Elm Grove (Free Will Baptist)— Organized along about 1835 (exact date unknown) and the first building was near where present building stands. Its founders were: Nehemiah GARRIS (a general in War of 1812), and his wife who was Susan Bowden DAVIS; Jabe MANNING and his wife, Nancy BOWDEN; and Katie HARPER. Other early members were: Abram SMITH, Edward HARPER, Cannon SMITH and Jep BRAXTON. The brick building is about the fourth building for this church. Deed for lot on which building stands was given by Theophilus and Nancy DEAL to Sylvester GARRIS, trustee, in 1853.

Spring Branch (F.W.B.)— Deed of Skilton DENNIS and Pattie A. DENNIS to W. F. HART, Henry TRIPP and Joab HARRINGTON, trustees, for land on which this church was built. Deed made in 1890. Ayden F.W.B. Church is its successor.

Rose Hill (F.W.B.)— Deed made on October 5, 1887 by D. N. BRANCH and wife Telitha BRANCH to William H. LAUGHINGHOUSE, Jesse BRAXTON and Bryant HARDEE, trustees for one acre of land joining H. S. and Guilford PAGE.

Bethany (F.W.B.)— William SMITH, Ivy ALLEN and Susan ALLEN deed to Caleb TRIPP, Theophilus SLAUGHTER, and John ELKS as ruling elders Elbert DAIL, Luke MEGLOHON, deacons and their successors so long as this church shall remain and continue to be a public church, one acre of land. Deed dated August A.D. 17, 1890.

In those early days of Pitt County the Baptist churches—and this included what is now Primitive Baptist, Missionary Baptist, Free Will Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Reformed Baptists and others— and the Episcopal, or Church of England, were the main distinctions religiously. From about 1820 to the middle of nineteenth century many of the various churches assumed their present individuality.

Many other facts about the churches are necessarily left out of this article because of lack of space. Many very interesting items are among them.

The foregoing paragraphs giving a little of the history of a few of the churches of Pitt County shows something of the wealth of materials that are waiting for researchers and historians ho are interested in preserving for future generations the achievements of our ancestors and their co-workers.

Much of the history of the early churches has been irretrievably lost, part of it unavoidably in fires, but probably much more of it because of carelessness in keeping records and in many instances through lack of appreciation and knowledge of the value of such old records.

The same is true not only of the churches but of schools and business enterprises, stores, cotton gins, grist mills, saw mills, turpentine distilleries, whisky and brandy stills, seines, ferries, bridges across the rivers and creeks, etc.



Dates of chartering of the towns and their officers, the banks and newspapers and their influence on the lives of the people of the different periods furnish interesting subjects for study.

It is probable that before many weeks there will be a call for a meeting of interested people of Pitt County the purpose of which will be to organize a historical association for the county. And it is to be hoped that if such a society or association is organized that it will realize the possibilities lying out before it and that it will not be satisfied till its members have exhausted the resources available.

As an individual I have done a great deal of research and the results of my labors will be available to the association when it gets to functioning.

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## ORDER FOR PARTITION: WM. TURNER

Located in the Grimes Family Papers, Collection #3357, folder #145, Southern Historical Collection, UNC Chapel Hill. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

State of North Carolina

To the Worshipfull Court of Pitt County now sitting

Whereas William TURNER late of this County. died about the year of \_\_\_\_ [blank] seized & possessed of 300 acres on the rise of Land & by his last Will and Testament left his Lands to be equally divided between his four Sons William Isaac Jacob & John TURNER these four petitioners prayeth your Worships to appoint five commissioners to divide the same agreeable to the Will of the Testator your Worships granting the prays of your Petitioners will be in duty bound and ever pray. Also a bought the year of or the fawl of the \_\_\_\_ [blank] 1794 sd John TURNER died in his minority therefore pray that the same commissioners make a partition a mong the legal heirs of the lot of Land divided to said John TURNER a mong the legal heirs & report the same to next Court & your Worships takeing the matter into consideration and making and order to appoint said commissioners will be in duly [duty?] bound & ever pray

Wm TURNER  
Isaac TURNER  
Jacob TURNER

Pitt County February Term 1812

On the Petition of William TURNER Isaa TURNER and Jacob TURNER ordered that Sherwood HINES John ANDERSON Gideon MOYE Kely TUCKER and John STOCKS be appointed Commissioners to make partition in the lands described in the Petition agreeable the prayer of the Petitioners

Alex EVANS Clk

Clks fees 17/—

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### OLDEST MAN IN THE COUNTY (*Eastern Reflector*, Feb. 11, 1891)

Mr. David McKINNY, an inmate of the County Home, died there a few days ago. Mr. J. W. SMITH, Superintendent of the Home tells us that Mr. McKINNY was probably the oldest man in the county, he lacked only three months of being 107 years old at the time of his death. He was born on the 10th of May, 1788.





# CEMETERY RECORDS

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## KITE-BOYD-IPOCK CEMETERY

Located on Maul Swamp Road SR#1638. From Vanceboro heading toward Washington on Hwy. 17, go about 2 miles. When you get out of town you will see Maul Swamp Road, take a right. Cemetery is about 8/10 of a mile on the left up a farm path about 350 feet from the road beside a large ditch.

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
1. Caroline Boyd	Feb. 12, 1871	Sept. 15, 1946
2. John B. Boyd	May 16, 1871	Dec. 10, 1935
3. Ernest Boyd	Jan. 19, 1904	Sept. 4, 1929
4. Nan Sammons Boyd (Wife of Samuel Boyd)	May 20, 1874	July 24, 1946
5. Monnie O. Boyd	Oct. 23, 1903	June 1, 1952
6. Unnamed Grave (2 bricks at each end)		
7. Korah R. Kite	Oct. 12, 1901	Nov. 26, 1989
Charlie R. Kite	Oct. 13, 1894	Sept. 22, 1978
8. Ida Mae Kite (Sisters)	May 16, 1912	
Mahala Elizabeth Kite	July 5, 1902	Apr. 1, 1988
9. Lemuel Artis Kite	July 28, 1888	Nov. 14, 1970
10. Willie Edger Heath	Jan. 10, 1906	Mar. 14, 1990
11. Samuel Kite	Dec. 1, 1854	Dec. 23, 1917
Rachel Ann B.	Oct. 8, 1868	Mar. 3, 1930
12. Hancy M. Kite	May 20, 1892	Oct. 23, 1913
13. Della D. Kite	Dec. 1, 1903	Nov. 16, 1905
14. Esther Kite	Nov. 5, 1820	Aug. 23, 1912
15. Martha E. Laughinghouse (Wife of R. A. Laughinghouse)	Mar. 31, 1875	Aug. 11, 1915
16. Oliver Bryant Gatlin (Son of Alfred & Elizabeth Gatlin)	Sept. 14, 1905	Mar. 24, 1965
17. Trixie Gaskins Gatlin	Nov. 15, 1908	
18. Ernest Bryant Gatlin Jr.	Oct. 5, 1959	Oct. 5, 1959
19. Julia Ipock Gaskins (Wife of Joseph A. Gaskins)	Apr. 5, 1873	Apr. 27, 1953
20. William E. Ipock	Feb. 10, 1893	Mar. 28, 1957
21. P. D. Ipock	Aug. 12, 1883	Nov. 7, 1949
Katie Griffin	Nov. 22, 1881	Sept. 5, 1958
22. Allie Ipock Gaskins	May 15, 1870	Aug. 20, 1950
23. Nathan Barrington	July 15, 1865	Oct. 2, 1910
24. John H. Laughinghouse	1846	Dec. 26, 1933
25. Claude Buck	Jun. 1, 1880	Sept. 1, 1948
Lula Kite Buck	Aug. 2, 1890	Dec. 3, 1963
26. Retha Edwards Kite	Oct. 9, 1912	Sept. 10, 1984
Fenner Garfield Kite	Jun. 18, 1909	Jan. 16, 1981
27. Debbie Ree Hill Dillon	Dec. 17, 1960	Aug. 20, 1987





### McROY CEMETERY

Located on Maul Swamp Road SR#1638. From Vanceboro heading toward Washington on Hwy. 17, go about 2 miles. When you get out of town you will see Maul Swamp Road, take a right. Go about 1 mile down this road in front of C. Berry's home. Cemetery is on the right up a small path toward the woods, about 300 yards.

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
1. Ella K. Lancaster	Oct. 27, 1885	Apr. 4, 1956
2. James Thomas Lancaster	May 1, 1882	Apr. 23, 1957
3. Viola G. Dudley Married on Feb. 17, 1934 Willie M. Dudley	Mar. 15, 1912  Mar. 15, 1912	Nov. 5, 1990  Nov. 6, 1987
4. Bessie McRoy Miller George Thomas Miller	Jul. 8, 1903 Feb. 3, 1897	Jun. 22, 1991 Dec. 1, 1971
5. Lena McRoy Dudley Edward Thomas Dudley	Oct. 3, 1891 Sept. 11, 1888	Oct. 16, 1981 Jul. 12, 1965
6. Brick Vault, Unmarked		
7. George T. Miller (North Carolina Pvt. U.S. Army WW I)	Feb. 2, 1897	Dec. 1, 1971
8. William Jesse Lancaster	Oct. 27, 1910	Aug. 18, 1946
9. Hazel Ruth Lancaster	Oct. 25, 1932	Apr. 16, 1936
10. Katie Ray Lancaster	Feb. 5, 1818	Jul. 31, 1823
11. Crover C. Lancaster	Aug. 25, 1907	Sept. 2, 1907
12. Frances G. Kite	Mar. 19, 1929	Apr. 3, 1932
13. Susan A. Kite	Dec. 9, 1852	Jun. 10, 1925
14. Acy McRoy	May 29, 1843	Oct. 1, 1896
15. Augustus (Gus) McRoy	Nov. 11, 1864	Dec. 21, 1937
16. Julia F. Speight McRoy	Aug. 19, 1867	Jan. 23, 1950
17. A. McRoy (Small stone, no other markings)		Oct. 2, 1899
18. Charlie McRoy	May 19, 1909	Jan. 1, 1916
19. Reather May Lewis (Dau. of G. O. & Hattie E. Lewis)	Sept. 7, 1926	Jan. 18, 1929
20. Bessie Dudley	No dates legible	
21. Elmer Earl Laughinghouse (N.C. PFC. HQ Co. 379 Infantry WW 2)	Nov. 21, 1922	Nov. 4, 1970
22. Ethel McRoy Laughinghouse	Aug. 26, 1895	Oct. 7, 1949
23. Herbert N. Laughinghouse	Sept. 16, 1891	Aug. 11, 1969
24. Unmarked cement slab		

### BETHEL ITEM(S) (*Eastern Reflector*, Feb. 4, 1891)

The dwelling of Mr. G. W. GAINER of Bethel, was entirely consumed by fire last Tuesday night. The fire originated up stairs, and as they were all away from home, it burned through and was coming out the top of the house before any alarm was made. The loss is secured by insurance.





# BIBLE AND FAMILY RECORDS



## CARAWAY-HARDISON BIBLE RECORDS

From photocopy of original contributed by Martha M. Marble; original owned by Carolyn Riddle of Springfield, Illinois. (No title pages.) It also appeared in *Olde Dobbs Trail*, Vol. II, Oct.–Dec. 1995.

### Caraway Records:

#### Marriages

Bedreaddon Caraway Jun'r was Married to Rebecca his wife 4th day of January A.D.—1807

Bedreaddon Caraway Junr was Married to Sussanna D. Tison the 27th of June AD 1830.

Howell H. Cobb was married to Susan D. B. M. Harrison Jan. 11, 1859

D. W. Cobb was married to Annie Hardison

General George Washington Birthday 22 February AD 1732.

#### Births

Bedreaddon Caraway Sen'r was bornd October the 24th day in the year of our Lord 1742

Lucrecy Caraway was the 11th December AD 1740

Bedreaddon Caraway Jun' was bornd Febraury the 28th in the year of our Lord 1782

Elizabeth Caraway was born the 21st of September A.D. 1764

Arche Caraway was born 19th February A.D. 1766

William Caraway was born 15th September AD. 1770

John Caraway was born 31st of January A.D. 1777

Colin Caraway was born 4th of February A.D. 1779 [inserted in later handwriting: D. 21 Oct. 1832]

Mary Jane Beaman a Daughter of John Beaman and Colin his wife was bornd the 30th October AD. 1808.

John R. Beaman was born the 17th March AD 1813

William T. Beaman was bornd the 27th of December AD 1815

Meria K. Beaman was bornd March 16th AD 1819

Rebecca Eliza Ann Dudley a Daughter of Mr. Allen Dudley was Bornd the 21st of January 1828

Susanna Depree Gatsey Moye a Daughter of Bedreaddon Caraway & his wife Susanna Dile Caraway was Bron the 15th day of November AD 1831

Howell H. Cobb son of Obed Cobb and his wife Elizabeth was born Aug. 15th, 1834.

D W Cobb Son of H H Cobb was borne Jan—31St 1868

Charles G Cobb Son of D W Cobb was borne Nov 2nd 1899

Robert D Cobb Son of D W Cobb was borne Sept 7th 1906

#### Deaths

Susan D. B. M. Cobb departed this life March 9th, 1860

H. H. Cobb departed this life April 22nd 1891 in the 57th year of his age.

Lucrecy Caraway a wife of B Caraway Sn'r Departed this life the 30th of April 1804.

Bedreaddon Caraway Sen'r Departed this life the 4th of March A.D. 1821.

Rebecca Caraway a wife of B. Caraway jn Departed this life the 3rd day of September A.D. 1829

Bedreden Caraway departed this life the 16th day of July A.D. 1844

Susan D. Caraway departed this life the 14th of December 1858

John Beaman Departed this life the 30th of September A. D. 1820

Keneth McIntosh a worthy young man Departed this life the 24th of September AD 1820

Irwin Moye Departed This life 4th of Septembere AD 1832 died in Comlumbia South Carolina aBt [a B(aptis)t ?] Preacher

Colin Royall a widow Departed This life the 21st of October AD 1832

Arche Caraway of Anson County NC Departed this life the 18th of September in year of our Lord 1835

Chas. A Harison departed this life the 25th of October 1858.



## Hardison Records:

### Parents' Names

Husband        Thomas James Hardison  
Born  
Wife            Rebecca Denmark Howell  
Born            Sept 3rd 1839  
Married

### Children's Names [Births]

Rosa Ellen Howell  
Fannie Dixon Hardison  
Joseph Denmark Hardison  
Frank    [space] Hardison  
Mary Eliza Hardison Nov. 4, 1873  
Annie Patience Hardison Jan. 14, '76  
Rebecca Thomas Hardison [birth illeg.]  
June T. Hardison June 14, 1873 [or 1878?]

### Deaths

James T. Hardison Oct. 1880  
Rebecca J. Hardison Jan. 30. 1917  
Rosa E. Parker Nov. 28. 1916  
Fannie D. Hinson March 26. 1902  
Joseph Hardison Feb. — 1885  
Frank Hardison  
Rebecca T. Hardison June? 1879? [overwritten]

Included as loose sheets in Hardison record:

Marriage Record from Wayne County, NC (abstracted):

Sept'r 6 18\_\_ [illegibly overwritten]

Raford G\_\_ [? Grise?] applied for License for marriage of John Wright Rayner of Wayne Co., aged 22 yrs, son of Jno Rayner and Betsy Ann Rayner the father now living, the mother now living, residents of Wayne Co., and Ann Thornton of Wayne age 19 yrs, daughter of Thad Thornton and Mary Thornton the father dead the mother living resident of Wayne Co.

Marriage Record:

I, Richd Rayner, a Justice of the Peace, united in matrimony Jno. W. Rayner and Ann Thornton . . . 8 Sept, 1878 at Sam. Raynor's in \_\_\_\_ [township illeg.] Witnesses present: James Jordan, David Jordan, Wiley Raynor



## JAMES JOHNSTON BIBLE

From photocopy of original by Helen Johnston Gray, and contributed by Clarise B. Soper. (No title pages available).

James Johnston was born June 11th 1776  
Annalaticia Jonston his wife was born March 18th 1787

Children of James Johnston & Annalaticia Vines [heading in later handwriting]

Robert Johnston was born Monday Sept. 2th 1806  
Charles Johnston on thursday. March 2th 1809  
James Johnston was born Sundy June 16th 1811  
Polly Johnston was born Saturday June 4th 1814





Stephen F. Jonston was born Sunday Aug. 17th 1817  
 Annalaticia Johnston Tuesday Feb. 1th 1820  
 John V. Johnston was born Sunday May 26th 1822  
 Martha Johnston was born Thursday July 11th 1825  
 Franklin Johnston was born Sunday December 28th 1828  
 Susan Olivia Johnston was born August 27th 1847  
 Willis Dixon Johnston was born Sunday June 24th 1866  
 Stephen Robert Johnston was born thursday June 116h 1868  
 Franklin Vines Johnston was born Sunday January 23th 1870  
 John C. Johnston was born Sunday January 28th 1872  
 James A. Johnston was wednesday July 15th 1874  
 Martha Adelaid Johnston was thursday October 12th 1876  
 House Burnt Decem. 14th 1875. Tuesday  
 Susan Olivia Johnston was born saturday morning November 16th 1878



### THE C. M. A. GRIFFIN BIBLE

From photocopies of the original record pages, contributed by Betsy Harper (Mrs. Drew Harper) of Grifton, NC, in 1995. No title page.

This Certifies that the Marriage Contract between C. M. A. Griffin of Craven County State of N.C. and Elizabeth McCotter of Pitt County N.C. was duly solemnized by me at Jacob McCotters on this Seventh day of January One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty five.

L. B. Pugh

Witnesses Present. Horace Ives, Jas. L. Holton

#### Marriages

C M A Griffin and Smithia A. Bryan was married July 29th 1881 by the Rev. H. D. Harper

#### Births

Lena R. Griffin was borned September 26th A.D. 1885 Died Oct the 16 1891  
 S A Griffin was born the 21 of November 1837

Sarah E. Griffin daughter of C. M. A. Griffin and Eliza his wife was borned November 22nd A.D. 1856

Mary A. Griffin daughter of same Parents was borned December 15th A.D. 1858

Margaret C. Griffin daughter of same Parents was borned May 2nd A.D. 1860

Nettie C. Griffin daughter of same Parents was borned October 14th A.D. 1863

Annie L. Griffin daughter of same Parents was borned July 8 A.D. 1865

James C. Griffin Son of same Parents was borned June 1st A.D. 1870

Addie E. Griffin Daughter of same Parents was borned Feb. 22nd 1872

Julia F. Griffin Daughter of same Parents was borned —1874 December 24 1874

Eliza McCotter was borned Sept 22 1836.

Cicero M. A. Griffin was borned Aug. 20th 1828

#### Deaths

Margaret C. Griffin Daughter of C M A Griffin and Eliza his wife died Oct. 15th 1868

Annie L. Griffin Daughter of same Parents died November 20th A.D. 1865

Eliza Griffin Wife of C M A Griffin died April 4th A.D. 1878

Mrs. Sarah E. Speir died March 10 1883 dughter of C M A Griffin Eliza his wife daughter of Jacob McCotter

Nettie C. Griffin Daughter of C M A Griffin and Eliza his wife died April 28th at 10 O.clock P.M.  
 1884 Aged 21 year 6 m 14 days

Cicero M. A. Griffin departed this Life on the 24 day of August 1892 Aged 64 years & 7 days

Alice M. Speir died the 24th of June 1924.



## Memoranda

On the night of the 26th of May 1878 between the hours of ten and twelve O'clock P.M. The most terrible Hurricane of wind and hail passed through the vicinity of Bells Ferry Pitt Co. N.C. Every thing was laid in ruins except the houses and a great many of them was blown down. The oldest inhabitants said they had never seen such a time before.

Wrote By C. M. A. Griffin

C. M. A. Griffin Sept. 23 A.D. 1890 Was Baptised on this day by Rev. D. B. Clayton M.



## GRIMES FAMILY BIBLE

From an old handwritten copy of the records, the copy located in the Bryan Grimes Papers, Coll. #292, folder #140, Southern Historical Collection, UNC Chapel Hill. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

### Marriages

- Demsie Grimes of Avon Pitt Co and Penelope Coffield of Bertie Co were married on 24th day of June 1760.
- William Grimes son of Demsie Grimes and Ann Bryan, daughter of Joseph Bryan of Craven Co were married January 21st 1790.
- Elizabeth Grimes daughter of Demsie and Penelope Grimes married Reading Grist of Beaufort Co.
- Mary Grimes daughter of Demsie and Penelope Grimes married Benjamin May of Pitt Co.
- Penelope Grimes daughter of Demsie and Penelope Grimes married \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] Bynum of Pitt Co.
- Bryan Grimes son of William and Ann Grimes married Nancy Grist daughter of Richard Grist of Washington Co. Ga. August 18th. 1815
- Bryan Grimes son of William and Ann Grimes married Lucy Olivia Blount daughter of John Grey Blount of Beaufort Co June 16th 1831.
- Sarah Grimes daughter of William and Ann Grimes married Genl. J. O'K. Williams of Beaufort Co.
- Bryan Grimes Jr. son of Bryan & Nancy Grimes married Elizabeth Hilliard Davis daughter of Dr Thomas Davis of Warren or Franklin Co's N.C. April 9th 1851.
- William Grimes son of Bryan and Nancy Grimes married Elizabeth Hanrahan June 25th 1851.
- Susan Grimes daughter of Bryan and Nancy Grimes married Dr J. G. B. Myers of Beaufort Co. June 29th 1853.
- John G. B. Grimes son of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes married Helen Manly daughter of Gov. Charles Manly of Wake Co. December 19th 1855
- Mary Grimes daughter of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes married Pulaski Cowper of Hertford Co May 13th 1857.
- Ann Grimes daughter of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes married Dr John Stickney of Ala May 20th 1861.
- Col Bryan Grimes son of Bryan & Nancy Grimes married Charlotte Emily Bryan daughter of Hon. John H. Bryan of Craven-Wake Co's September 15th 1863.
- Susan called Bettie Grimes daughter of Bryan and Elizabeth Grimes married Samuel Fox Mordecai son of S. F. Mordecai of Wake Co November 10th 1875.
- J. Bryan Grimes son of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes married Mary Octavia Laughinghouse daughter of J. J. Laughinghouse Esq of Pitt Co November 14th 1894
- Mary Bryan Grimes daughter of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes married Elmer Ellsworth Smith of Chattanooga Tenn. February 20th 1895.
- Charlotte Bryan, daughter of Bryan & Charlotte Emily Grimes married Alfred Williams of Raleigh N.C. March 10th 1897.

### Births

- William Grimes son of Demsie and Penelope Grimes was born March 29th 1766.
- Elizabeth daughter of Demsie and Penelope Grimes was born November 27th 1768.
- Penelope daughter of Demsie and Penelope Grimes was born December 13th 1771.





Sallie daughter of Demsie and Penelope Grimes was born February 1st 1776.  
 Mary daughter of Demsie and Penelope Grimes was born December 24th 1777.  
 John son of William and Ann Grimes was born Decem 11th 1790.  
 Penelope Coffield daughter of William and Ann was born April 15th 1792.  
 Bryan Grimes son of William and Ann Grimes was born July 13th 1793  
 Sarah Grimes daughter of William and Ann Grimes was born June 9th 1795.  
 Willie Grimes son of William & Ann Grimes was born August 21st 1796.  
 Ann M. E. Grimes daughter of William and Ann Grimes was born July 19th 1798.  
 Zilpha Ann Grimes daughter of Bryan and Nancy Grimes was born May 8th 1819.  
 Susan Grimes daughter of Bryan and Nancy Grimes was born January 26th 1821.  
 William Grimes son of Bryan and Nancy Grimes was born May 19th 1823.  
 Junius Augustus Grimes son of Bryan and Nancy Grimes was born October 14th 1825  
 Bryan Grimes son of Bryan and Nancy Grimes was born November 2nd 1828.  
 Mary Blount Grimes daughter of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes was born September 5th 1832.  
 John Grey Blount Grimes son of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes was born January 1st 1834  
 Ann Grimes daughter of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes was born August 2nd 1835  
 Willie Grimes son of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes was born July 26th 1837.  
 Olivia Blount Grimes daughter of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes was born February 2nd 1840.  
 Infant son of Bryan Jr and Elizabeth Grimes was born January 19th 1852.  
 Susan called Bettie daughter of Bryan Jr and Elizabeth Grimes was born January 1st 1853.  
 Nancy Grimes daughter of Bryan Jr and Elizabeth Grimes was born June 24th 1854.  
 Bryan Grimes son of Bryan Jr and Elizabeth Grimes was born June 29th 1856.  
 Bryan Grimes son of Bryan and Charlotte Emily was born October 10th 1864.  
 Alston Grimes son of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes was born February 25th 1866.  
 John Bryan Grimes son of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes was born June 3rd 1868.  
 Charlotte Bryan Grimes daughter of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes was born October 26th 1869.  
 Mary Bryan Grimes daughter of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes was born February 15th 1871 at Grimesland N.C.  
 Susan Penelope Grimes daughter of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes was born September 9th 1872 at Grimesland N.C.  
 William Demsie Grimes son of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes was born February 12th 1876 at Grimesland.  
 George Frederick Grimes son of Bryan & Charlotte Emily Grimes was born June 27th 1877 at Grimesland.  
 Junius Daniel Grimes son of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes was born October 31st 1878 at Grimesland.  
 Theodora Bryan Grimes daughter of Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes was born May 23rd 1880 at Grimesland.  
 Helen Elise Grimes daughter of J. Bryan and Mary Octavia Grimes was born July 28th 1895 at Grimesland.

### Deaths

Demsie Grimes an emigrant from Virginia died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] Buried at Avon. Pitt Co N.C.  
 Infant child of Demsie and Penelope Grimes died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.  
 Infant child of Demsie and Penelope Grimes died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.  
 Penelope Coffield (of Bertie Co) wife of Demsie Grimes died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.  
 Penelope Coffield Grimes daughter of William and Ann Grimes died October 4th 1793. Buried at Avon Pitt Co. N.C.  
 John Grimes son of William and Ann Grimes died August 26th 1796. Buried at Avon Pitt Co. N.C.  
 William Grimes son of Demsie and Penelope Grimes died October \_\_\_\_ 1797. Buried at Avon Pitt Co. N.C.  
 Ann Grimes daughter of William and Ann died \_\_\_\_ 1804. Buried at Avon Pitt Co. N.C.  
 Sarah Grimes wife of Genl J. O'K. Williams died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.



Willie Williams Grimes son of William and Ann Grimes died \_\_\_\_ 1812. Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.  
Zilpha Ann Grimes daughter of Bryan and Nancy Grimes died October 13th 1822. Buried at Avon.  
Pitt Co. N.C.

Ann Bryan (of Craven Co) wife William Grimes died March 24th 1828. Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.  
Nancy Grist wife of Bryan Grimes died March 2nd 1829. Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.

Junius Augustus Grimes son of Bryan and Nancy Grimes died October 4th 1833. Buried at Avon. Pitt  
Co. N.C.

Elizabeth Grimes wife of Reading Grist died November 11th 1843. Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.

Infant son of Bryan Jr and Bettie Grimes died February 2nd 1852. Buried at Warrenton N.C.

Willie Grimes son of Bryan Sr and Lucy Olivia Grimes died June 12th 1853. Buried at Avon. Pitt Co.  
N.C.

Lucy Olivia Blount wife of Bryan Grimes Sr died June 29th 1854. Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.

Nancy Grimes daughter of Bryan Jr and Bettie Grimes died September 1st 1854. Buried at  
Grimesland. Pitt Co. N.C.

Elizabeth Hilliard (Bettie) Davis wife of Bryan Grimes Jr., died November 7th 1857. Buried at  
Grimesland. Pitt Co. N.C.

Bryan Grimes son of William and Ann Grimes died on Steamer Louisiana Chesapeak Bay bound for  
Baltimore Md March 17th 1860. Buried at Avon. Pitt Co. N.C.

Bryan Grimes son of Bryan and Bettie Grimes died at Mrs Martha Alstons, Warren Co. March 14th  
1863. Buried at or near Warrenton N.C.

Susan Grimes wife of Dr J. G. B. Myers died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank]. Buried at Grimesland. Pitt Co. N.C.

J. Bryan Grimes son of Col Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes died October 12th 1864. Buried at  
Raleigh N.C.

Olivia Blount Grimes daughter of Bryan and Lucy Olivia Grimes died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] of Yellow  
fever in New Orleans. Buried at \_\_\_\_\_ [blank]

Ann Grimes wife of Dr John Stickney of New Orleans died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank]. Buried at \_\_\_\_\_  
[blank]

Genl Bryan Grimes son of Bryan and Nancy Grimes was assassinated at Bear Creek, Beaufort Co. by  
William Parker August 14th 1880. Buried at Grimesland. Pitt Co. N.C.

George Frederick Grimes son of Genl Bryan and Charlotte Emily Grimes died September 28th 1880.  
Buried at Grimesland. Pitt Co. N.C.

William Grimes son of Bryan and Nancy Grimes died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank] Buried at Raleigh N.C.

Elmer Ellsworth Smith, husband of Mary B. Grimes died at Chattanooga, Tenn. December 19th  
1896 at \_\_\_\_ [blank] oclock. Buried at Grimesland. Pitt Co. N.C.

Last page headed: Avon Graveyard Jan 21st [18]96

Sarah Bryan died Aug \_\_\_\_ [blank] 1809. Age about 60 yrs. Buried at Avon. Pitt Co., N.C.

Mary Bryan died \_\_\_\_ [blank] 1816. Age 82 yrs Buried at Avon. Pitt Co., N.C.

Genl John O'K.. Williams died \_\_\_\_ [blank] . Age \_\_\_\_ [blank] Buried at Avon. Pitt Co., N.C.

Wm. Grimes Williams son of Genl John O'K and Sarah Williams died \_\_\_\_ [blank] . Age \_\_\_\_  
[blank] Buried at Avon. Pitt Co., N.C.



### THE HEMBY BIBLE

Owned by Mrs. Peggy Smith Corbitt of Greenville, NC; transcribed and contributed by Roger  
Kammerer. Holy Bible Containing Old and New Testaments; published 1842 by G. Lane and P. P.  
Sanford.

#### Marriages

Hewell Hemby was married March the 16, 1840

Elizabeth Hemby was married March the 4, 1842

Joab Hemby was married March the 18, 1842

Anna Hemby was married April the 14, 1847

John S. Smith and Nancy Hemby his wife was married Oct. 7th 1875





#### Names and Ages of Wm. & Nancy Hemby's Children

Hewell Hemby was born March the 16, 1817

Joab Hemby born Jan 3, 1819

Elizabeth Hemby born Nov. 27, 1820

Anna Hemby born Dec. 29, 1822

Mary Hemby born Feb. 2, 1825

Benjamin Hemby born April 29, 1827

Louisa Hemby born March 29, 1831

Wm Hemby born Dec. 12, 1834

Orpa Hemby born Sept 25, 1836

Sarah Hemby born Nov. 14, 1833 [1838? error]

Mary Hemby born March 4, 1841

Wm Hemby son of Wm Hemby & Licitty his wife was born March 4 1848

#### Births

Apseley Oliva Smith the dau of John & Nancy Smith born Feb 2, 1877

Joab Smith born April 11, 1879—died May 25, 1879

John Ivey Smith born Dec. 5, 1880—died July 6, 1949

John S. Smith born Dec. 16, 1849—d. Jan. 24, 1918

#### Deaths

Martha Hemby died May 1, 1848

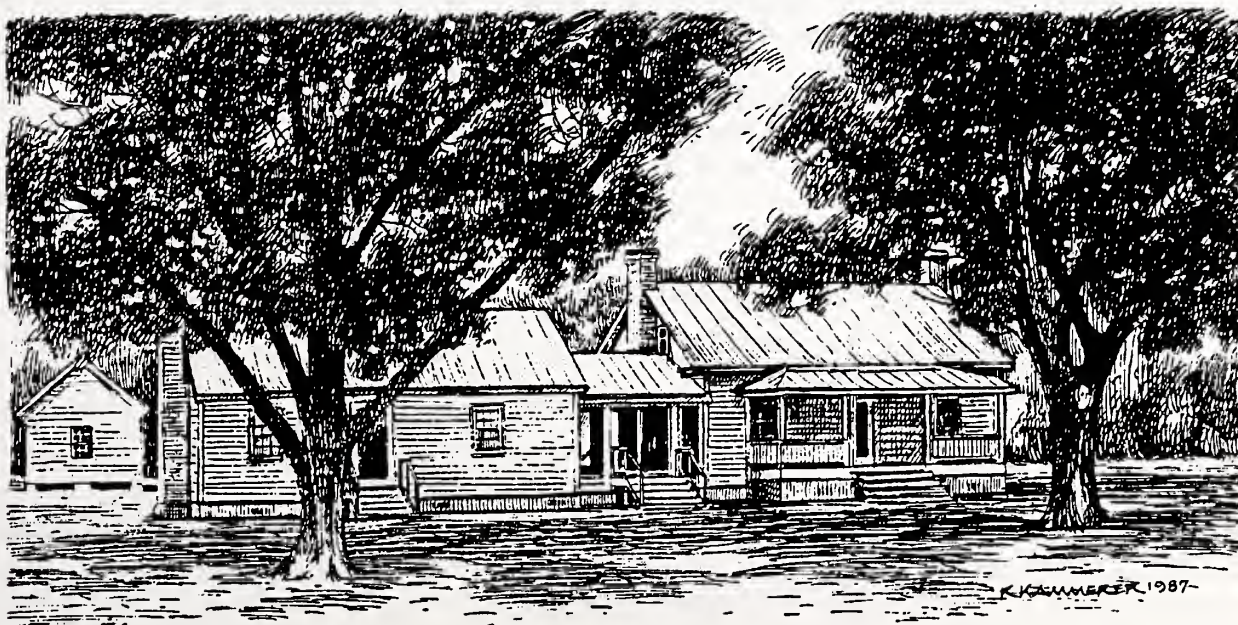
Amos J. Hemby died Dec. 27, 1851

Sarah Hemby daughter of Wm Hemby & Nancy his wife died Sept the 26, 1833

Mary Hemby daughter of Wm Hemby & Nancy his wife died Sept. the 14, 1839

Wm Hemby son of Wm Hemby & Nancy his wife died Oct. the 15, 1844

Nancy Hemby Wm Hemby's wife died August the 6, 1844



Drawing of the Noah Forbes House, by Roger Kammerer, 1987.

Moved, by John F. Moye, from the present Carolina East Center site to the Allen Road, where it still stands. The small Forbes Schoolhouse, visible at the left edge, was also moved from the Carolina East Center site, but did not originally stand close to the house.



# WILL OF DEMSIE GRIMES, 1786

Located in the Grimes Family Papers, Collection #3357, folder #139, Southern Historical Collection, UNC Chapel Hill. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

This document is torn, with about half of the upper-left quadrant missing.



Know Ye tha  
North Carolina  
blessing of God  
fourteenth D  
thousand Sev  
I will and beq  
Price one Neg  
feather bed  
pounds Curr  
I give and bequ  
Jude, Negro b  
and furnitu  
ten pound eq  
I will and bequ  
named Silvee, one  
Bead Stead and fu  
and gold.

I will and Bequeath to m  
named Rose one Negro man named Casteel and I likewise will and  
bequeath to my said Daughter Anne all the household furniture and other  
appurtenances which she had delivered her before the date here of  
I will and bequeath to my three Youngest Daughters (viz) Elisabeth Penelope  
and Mary ten pounds equal to Silver or Gold in Table Furniture to be divided  
equally among them.

I will and bequeath to my Daughter Elisabeth one bay Mare  
I will and bequeath to my Son William all my Real & Personal Estate every  
Individual thing except what I have not already bequeathed to my Daugh-  
ters that I am possessor of

~~Signed Sealed and Delivered~~  
~~presence of —~~

I appoint My Son William & John C NUMAN Executors of my last will and Testa-  
ment.

Signed & Sealed in  
presence of  
John EGLESTON  
Rolin DIXSON

Esquire in Pitt County State  
and right State of Mind by the  
last will and Testament this  
the Year of our Lord Christ one  
eighty Six  
hter Mary one negro wench named  
nnah, one named Shan one  
are one Sorrel Colt, and forty  
Silver or Gold.  
ghter Penelope one Negro Girl named  
Girl Amy, one feather bed bedstead  
ne Six Small Silver Spoons and  
old.  
ghter Elisabeth one Negro Girl  
l named Ginne, one feather bed  
d fifty pounds equal to Silver

ughter Anne one Negro wench

Demsie GRIMES — — —

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## CORRECTION

The Francis Hardee Bible Record, which appeared in the previous issue, was contributed, originally by Lucille Sumrell of Simpson, Pitt County. Ms. Sumrell acquired the records from the owner of Bible, Rosa Edwards (Mrs. Frank Edwards), also of Pitt County. Please excuse our earlier omission of proper credits.





# WILL OF WILLIAM GRIMES, 1797

Located in the Grimes Family Papers, Collection #3357, folder #141, Southern Historical Collection, UNC Chapel Hill. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



In the name of God Amen I William GRIMES esquire of Pitt County State of North Carolina Farmer being Sick of body but of Sound Memory do make this my last will and testament—

First desire my funeral expences and Just Debts to be paid—Item I lend to my beloved wife Anna the plantation whereon we now live during her natural life except that part of it known by the name of the DIXONS place which it to go for the benefit of my Children also I leave her one fifth Part of my negroes to be devided by three men Chosen by an order of Court for that purpose which said fifth part I leaves to my wife and her heirs forever also I leave my dearly beloved wife Anna one fifth part of all my household furniture Chattles Bonds bills & book accounts &c for her sole benefit forever—Item the rest of my lands negroes Household furneture Chattles Bonds bills Book Accounts dues and demands I leave and bequeath to my Son Bryan my Daughter Sara my Son Wyllie and my child yet unborn to be equally devided among them which devison is to take place or be made as Soon as the oldest comes of age or any of them Marry the devison to be made by three men Chosen by an order of Court till then the lands and negroes to be hired out yearly and the neat profits arising from my lands negroes &c or as much thereof as will be necessary to be paid for the mentaining Clothing and and educating of my Children and I Constitute and appoint my worthy freinds Reading and Frederick GRIST sole Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 25th day of October 1797

Signed Sealed and delivered  
in presence of—

Wm MAGEMPSEY  
James ARMSTRONG

Wm. GRIMES {Seal}

A true Copy of the Original filed proved and inrolled in the Clerks office of Pitt County.

Attest James SHEPPARD Clk

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## DEATHS.

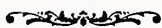
(*Eastern Reflector*, July 8, 1891)

After a life of nearly four score years Noah FORBES, Sr., an honest, true and good man, entered into the rest of the just, on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 1891. Born on the 11th day of April, 1812, in the county of Pitt, where all the days of his life were spent as a useful and honored citizen, a noble husband and affectionate father. By the young and also among whom he moved and by whom he was loved and respected his memory will long be cherished. In 1874 he was elected as a member of the Board of County Commissioners which position he held until the year 1882. In entering upon the discharge of his official duties he found the county largely in debt and the rate of taxation high, the Board of which he was a useful member, by an economical and just administration, within three years cancelled the debt and reduced the rate of taxation to such an extent that it was the boast of the people that Pitt county had the lowest rate of taxation and best Board of Commissioners in the State. His official life was pure and spotless, and he retired from office after years service with the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. A community always feels the loss of a good man—such a man was Noah FORBES, Sr. Peace to his ashes.



# WILL OF CHRIS'R CRANDELL SENR., 1826

Located in the Grimes Family Papers, Collection #3357, folder #154, Southern Historical Collection, UNC Chapel Hill. Contributed by Roger Kammerer. This was obviously a draft or a copy of the actual will which, if probated, was lost in the courthouse fire of 1858.



State of North Carolina

Pitt County

I Christopher CRANDELL Senr. being an aged Man,  
but possessed of a sound disposing mind, do make and

publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

- 1st I lend to my beloved wife Mary Ann the plantation whereon I now live and such of my land that is attatched to it, as is not otherwise disposed of in this will: also the farming tools of every discription in which is included my cart, my horses, Cattle, hoggs and household and kitchen furniture, also I lend her all my negroes, all of which I lend her during her natural life—I also give my said wife all of my money and notes to her and her heirs forever—
- 2nd I give to my Son Willis CRANDELL all of the land that I own north of the following boundary, beginning at the dividing line between myself and Lemuel PERKINS near the piney pond, running down a small branch to the mill branch then with the run of said branch to the Mill including one half of said Mill, then with a plain cart path to samuel HOLADAYS line, one set of black smith tools to him and his heirs forever—
- 3rd I give to my daughter achsa HILL the following tract of land, beginning in the dividing line between myself and Lemuel PERKINS at the head of a small branch running down the banch to my old line thence with my line to Lemuel PERKINS' corner, including of her present place of residence to her and her heirs forever—
- 4th I give to my grand daughter Polly ann HILL all of my land over the meadow branch adjoining my son willis' line except what is in included within my pasture, and excepting furthermore the privilege of rail timber off of said land forever: the aforesaid land with the exceptions aforesaid I give and bequeath to her and her heirs forever—
- 5th I lend to my daughter Polly ann LITTLE the old plantation after my wifes death, including all the land not given to my son Willis, daughter achsa, and grand daughter Polly ann, also the reservation out of Polly Anns tract over the meadow branch during her natural life, and at her death if she leaves a child or children then I give it to them and their heirs forever, but if she dies leaving no child then I give it to my son willis to him and his heirs forever—
- 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Ann LITTLE one negro girl named Mahala to her and her heirs forever—
- 7th I give to my daughter Elizabeth WHITEHOUSE fifty dollars to be paid two years after my wifes death.
- 8th I give to Joel CRANDELL son of samuel CRANDELL, ten dollars to be paid to him two years after my wifes death.
- 9th The ballance of my property including that which I have lent to my Wife, is after my wifes death to be equally divided between my son Willis and daughters Achsa HILL and Polly ann LITTLE and the children of my daughter Elizabeth WHITEHOUSE to them and their heirs forever And lastly I nominate and appointment my friend William CLARK and Son in law Hodges LITTLE Executors to this my last will and testament, this 5th August 1826—

witness

C CRANDELL {Seal}

his

Robert X WETHERSBY

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his

Redding X VICK

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James BULLOCK





# FREEMAN HEMBY'S LIFE RECALLED

Contributed by Roger Kammerer. Two articles appeared in the *Greenville Daily Reflector*: an announcement of Hemby's death on Dec. 30, 1948; and a biographical article, written by Chester Walsh, on Dec. 31, 1948.



**DIES AT 103** (Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948) [with photo]

Freeman **HEMBY**, 103 years old, the oldest colored citizen of Greenville, 601 Sheppard Street, died at the home of his daughter, Harriet **HEMBY**, on Imperial Street, Wednesday morning after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at Mount Calvary Free Will Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. M. **HILL**, the pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Cooperfield Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Henrietta **HEMBY**; one daughter, Harriett **HEMBY**; two sons, Willis **HEMBY** and Rev. Amos **WILLIAMS**; 175 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren, and 25 great-great grandchildren.

**FREEMAN HEMBY'S LONG LIFE STORY IS RECALLED** (Dec. 31, 1948) [by Chester **WALSH**]

Freeman **HEMBY**, Greenville's oldest Negro and retired tobacco worker, born in the Beaver Dam community of Pitt County in 1848, a slave of William and Polly **HEMBY**, previously reported to be 103 years old, was an even 100 years old when he died here Wednesday according to the family Bible.

Surviving are 249 immediate relatives: his wife, one daughter and two sons; 175 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at \_\_\_\_\_ [ink blob or microfilm flaw] Free Will Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. **PHILLIPS** Brothers' Funeral Home has charge of the funeral.

The *Greenville Daily Reflector* carried a feature story about Freeman **HEMBY**'s history about 10 or 12 years ago. The story reveals that the well known and respected colored citizen always was active in church work, and that many of his children and grandchildren entered the ministry and professions and that they were property owners and generally useful citizens.

**HEMBY** was the second son of Adam and Jennie **HEMBY**. William **HEMBY** was the master of the plantation on which he was born. He was put "on the block" at auction sale when he was 13. One of his master's sons, Huey **HEMBY**, paid \$794 for him. **HEMBY** remained with him until the War Between the States.

His family moved to Greene County in 1866 and located on the R. A. L. **CARR**'s farm and he was hired out at \$7 a month.

While working there in 1884 **HEMBY** lost a hand and a part of his arm in an old-fashioned cotton gin.

He remained with the **CARR**s until 1897. Then with his savings, he bought a small farm near Greenville in Pitt County, and lived there five years, and then he moved to Greenville to round out his century of life.

**HEMBY** was first married in 1873 and the union lasted 30 years, until his wife's death. Thirteen children were born to them. Twelve of the children each averaged 10 children. He had 154 descendants when he was 90. His second wife, whom he married in 1903, died in 1931. In December of that year he married the third time, his wife dying about a year later. He married fourth wife, Henrietta **VINES** in 1933 and she survives.



# PITT COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS

Located in the Grimes Family Papers, Collection #3357, folders #122, 150, & 151, Southern Historical Collection, the Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

State of North Carolina.

To any Minister of the Gospel, regularly ordained or to any Justice of the Peace of the County of Pitt, Greeting:

Whereas Bonds have been regularly executed and lodged in this Office, that there is no legal cause to prevent the celebration of a Marriage intended to be solemnized between Isaac NOBLES and Patsey ARNOLD of the said County. These are therefore to authorize you to join together in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, the said Isaac NOBLES and Patsey ARNOLD and them pronounce them Man and Wife, according to Law, and according to the Usages of your Church.

Witness, Alexander EVANS, Clerk &c. this 11th day of July 1820.

Alexander EVANS, Clerk.

State of North Carolina

Pitt County

To any regular licensed member of the Gospel or Justice of the Peace of sd County, You are hereby authorized and impowered to Celebrate & solemnize the rites of matrimony between Joseph LAUGHINHOUSE and Jackey Ann Penelope WATKINS and Join them together as Man and Wife in holy matrimony. Given now under my hand this 21st day July 1820.

Alex EVANS Clk

State of North Carolina.

Pitt County.

To any regular licensed Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace, for the County aforesaid, Greeting.

Whereas Seth HARVEY hath entered into bonds, in the Clerk's Office of the County aforesaid, that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a Marriage, intended to be solemnized between him and Margarett BOYD of said County; These are therefore to authorize and empower you, or any of you to celebrate and solemnize the rights of Marriage between the said Seth HARVEY and Margarett BOYD and join them together as Man and Wife, in Holy Matrimony.

Given under my hand and seal of said office, at Greenville the 12th day of May A.D. 1821

Alexander EVANS Clk

State of North-Carolina,

Pitt County.

To any regular licensed Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace, for the County aforesaid, Greeting.

Whereas, Bezer BOYD hath entered into bonds, in the Clerk's Office of the County aforesaid, that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a Marriage, intended to be solemnized between him and Sally BOYD of said County; These are therefore to authorize and empower you, or any of you, to celebrate and solemnize the rights of Marriage between the said Bezer BOYD and Sally BOYD and join them together as Man and Wife, in Holy Matrimony.

Given under my hand and seal of said office, at office the 19th day of November A.D. 1825.

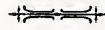
James SHEPPARD Clk





# ASSAULT ON GEORGE TURNAGE

From New Bern District Civil Action Papers, NC Archives Collection DSCR 206.326.1. Contributed by Roger E. Kammerer.



Complaint of George **TURNAGE** of Craven County to William **ORMOND**, Justice of the Peace of Dobbs County, NC, Sept. 29, 1782. [abstracted]

George **TURNAGE** made a complaint that on the afternoon of Sept. 25, 1782, he and his wife and mother-in-law attended a vendue of goods at the house of Joshua **TINDALL** in Pitt County. It was on the path home in Pitt County, a little after dark, that they were set upon by John **STANCELL** and William **SKINNER**, Jr., both of Dobbs County, "... Idlers and very ill disposed quarrelsome men . . .", along with another man. These three men set upon **TURNAGE** with sticks and clubs and knocked him down on the ground where they kicked him almost speechless. **TURNAGE** stated that during the attack John **STANCELL** encouraged the others and cried out several times "... G\_d Damn him, kill him, kill him . . ." **TURNAGE** said he believed they would have killed him if it were not for rescuers who heard his cry of "murder" and turned the attackers' attention away from him. **TURNAGE** stated he then crawled into the bushes and laid still, where with his wounds and loss of blood he fainted and lay speechless for some time.

Complaint of Catherine **BUTLER**, wife of William **BUTLER**, of Dobbs County, NC, to William **ORMOND**, Justice of the Peace of Dobbs County, Sept. 26, 1782. [abstracted]

Catherine **BUTLER** made a complaint that on Sept. 25, 1782, she was in Pitt County on her way home in company with her daughter and son-in-law, George **TURNAGE**, when they were attacked by John **STANCELL**, James **BARFIELD** and William **SKINNER**, Jr., all of Dobbs County, "Idlers." These men came running after them with clubs and knocked George **TURNAGE** to the ground and beat him. Turnage cried out "murder," upon which Mrs. **BUTLER** endeavored to pull the men off him. **STANCELL** then siezed her by the neck and threw her to the ground where he kicked her violently in the mouth. Though bleeding, she got up only to be jerked down again and kicked in the leg by **SKINNER**.

William **ORMOND**, J.P., commands any law officer in Dobbs County to apprehend John **STANCILL** and William **SKINNER**, Jr., and be brought before him or some other Justice of the Peace to answer the above complaints and to find sureties for their appearance at the next Superior Court.

William **SKINNER**, Jr., came before W. **ORMOND**, J.P., on Oct. 12, 1782 and gave James **ROBERTS** and James **COWARD**, all of Dobbs County, as sureties of 100 pds. specie each, for **SKINNER**'s appearance at the next Superior Court of law and Equity in New Bern on Nov. 15, 1782, for the assault on George **TURNAGE**.

William **SKINNER**, Jr., came before W. **ORMOND**, J.P., on Oct. 12, 1782 and gave William **SKINNER**, Sr., and James **COWARD** as sureties of 100 pds. specie each, for **SKINNER**'s appearance at the next Superior Court of law and Equity in New Bern on Nov. 15, 1782, for the assault on Catherine **BUTLER**.

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## PAINFUL ACCIDENT

(*Eastern Reflector*, May 26, 1898)

A few days ago the wife of Mr. S. M. **JONES**, of Bethel township, met with a painful accident. Mrs. **JONES** was trying to catch a chicken and in some way fell down, dislocating one knee and knocking the knee-pan entirely out of position. She has not yet sufficiently recovered to be able to walk.





# QUERIES



Any info on name William MAYNOR/MAINER, b. NC ca. 1826; mother Nancy \_\_\_\_\_?, b. ca. 1777. In MS in 1850; married Ann E. SMITH, b. June 25, 1834, MS. Will always share data and pay expenses.

—Helen D. DOTTS; 7501 Palm Ave. #127; Yucca Valley, CA 92284-3652.

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HOOTEN, Council, in Lenoir Co. in 1840 census—who were his parents? Anna HOOTEN, Caleb HOOTEN & John HOOTEN were in 1820 census of Lenoir Co. A Council HOOTEN also appears in 1840 census in Pitt County.

—Sloan S. MASON; 125 Durham Dr.; Fayetteville, GA 30214 (770-460-8615). E-mail GLSG91A@prodigy.com.

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J(ohn) Wilson WELLS, 1776–ca. 1850, of Lenoir and Green Counties. Married twice. First wife unknown, possibly an ALDRIDGE, SUTTON or WATERS. Two children by 1st wife: Wilmouth, md. a SUGG man; and John, md. Dorcas MOORING, daughter of Henry and Sally BEST MOORING. Second wife was Susan CADE. One son: Ephriam, md. Rachel WATERS. Who were J. Wilson WELLS' parents, and his place of origin. Palantines? Where buried?

—James E. SMITH; 5169 Carlson Dairy Rd.; Summerfield, NC 27358-9210.

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Looking for any info. on William MUMFORD, b. ca. 1780 or after, place unknown, parents unknown. He married Sally PUGH. William is found in 1810 census. William and Sally had two sons: Louis and William. Louis, b. Jan. 31, 1810, Swift Creek, Pitt Co., m. Mary CANNON Mar. 31, 1841. They had eight children. Where did William MUMFORD come from? Who were his parents?

—Gary and Joanne MUMFORD HILL; 944 E. Broadway; Cushing, OK 74023-3538 (918-225-1410).

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Perquimans Co., NC: Nathaniel SUTTON and Elizabeth CHANCEY had 2 children (known), a son Joseph, b. 1727, and a dau. Deborah, b. 1729/30. Any info. appreciated.

—Elsie M. DAVID; 3665 D. ST. NE. Apt. A; Salem, OR 97301-2952 (503-585-5780).

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Seeking parents and siblings of Elisha HOLT, b. NC, ca. 1802. He was in GA by 1827, married there and died in Clayton Co., GA, in 1877.

—Mrs. Judy M. WEBB; 11261 Longley Rd.; Iowa Park, TX 76367 (817-438-2878).

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Looking for info. on Brittain MEEKS, b. Nov. 18, 1763, Pitt Co., NC; served in Rev. War; m. 1783 to Mary \_\_\_\_\_. Would also like info. on his spouse and her parents.

—Jeanne HARDEN; 592 Alandale Dr.; Tallmadge, OH 44278-1412 (330-630-2306).

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Need any info. on Adeline MANNING of Farmville Township, Pitt Co., who on Aug. 4, 1867 gave birth (illegitimate) to Addie C. HOUSE. Addie C. was raised by Addie FORD and George HOUSE of Bethel. Need names of parents of Adeline MANNING and any info. on the HOUSEs.

—Jo Ann ROLLINS JONES; 701 Wimbleton Dr.; Raleigh, NC 27609-4351 (919-787-8586).

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William ALFRED died Mar. 1840 in Tyrrell Co., NC; md. on May 24, 1818 in Tyrrell Co. to Sarah LIVERMAN who d. Dec. 1824 in Tyrrell Co. Children of marriage were Fredrick Ely ALFRED, b. May 24, 1818; Sarah ALFRED, b. Dec. 15, 1824; Polly ALFRED; George Washington ALFRED.

—Darrell ROGERS; 340 Cooper Road; Bayboro, NC 28515 (919-745-4736).

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Seeking info. on parents of a James SMITH, b. in Pitt Co. on July 1, 1768. He moved to Robeson Co., NC, in 1789, where he purchased land on the Great Swamp between Lumberton and Elizabethtown. His profession is listed as Blacksmith. His wife's name was Esther, and they had ten



children. James died Oct. 6, 1855, and is buried in the SESSOMS-SMITH Cemetery on the Great Swamp.

—William James SMITH; 317 Oakwood Circle; Danville, VA 24541 (804-793-7432).

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Searching for ancestors and descendants of William Jackson McWILLIAMS, b. 1820, md. 1843 to Mary Ann MURCH. 1850 census shows him living in Taft's District of Pitt County.

—Ann McWILLIAMS CAYTON; 691 Oak Bay Rd.; Aurora, NC 27806 (919-322-5251).

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Seeking info. on Anna Letitia (Leticia) VINES, b. Mar. 18, 1787, d. Dec. 30, 1868, md. Nov. 11, 1805 to James JOHNSTON, III. They lived near Falkland and were buried in the JOHNSTON family cemetery near Falkland. James JOHNSTON, III, had a mercantile store near Falkland.

—Janie M. JOHNSTON; 303 Grimmersburg St.; Farmville, NC 27828-1427.

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Seeking info. on the following families: BARNHILL, MANNING, JOHNSTON, WHITEHURST, HOUSE, EVANS, MCLAWHORN, COREY, HADDOCK, MCGOWAN, FORNES, STOKES, CARSON, MATHEWS, SLAUGHTER.

—Cynthia M. SMITH; 6109 NC 30; Bethel, NC 27812 (919-825-1581).

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Seeking parents of Temperance MANNING, b. ca. 1806, md. Benjamin WHITFIELD on June 8, 1825 and d. Jan. 1866. Think her father may have been Reubin MANNING of Pitt Co., NC. Also seeking Mary TAYLOR father [Editor's note: Should this read, Mary Taylor's father?] married to William MATTHEWS ca. b. 1790. Think she may be Teagle & Selia TAYLOR grandchild.

—Louise WHITFIELD TRYTKO; 425 W. Merritt Ave.; Merritt Island, FL 32953 (407-453-0050).

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John FORBES of 1750s Potasquatank [Pasquotank?] Co., NC, to Pitt Co., 1760s; who were his parents? Who were his two wives? Was one wife a SHANNON or SHANNONHOUSE?

—J. A. L. MILLER, Jr.; 2810-K Carriage Drive; Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328 (910-723-0500)

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Who were parents of Arthur AVERY/AVERETT, d. bef. 1880, father of Mary V. EVERETT, spouse of James Henry (Jim/Pappy) EVANS?

—Shirleyan Beacham PHELPS; 5806 NC Hwy 32 South; Plymouth, NC 27962-9732 (919-793-5236).

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Would like info. on Mary S. COWARD, b. 1869, dau. of Allen COWARD and Elizabeth WILSON. Married James H. COX and lived in Swift Creek Township in 1910. They had 4 sons at that time. Would like death date and where buried.

—Gene COWARD; 5706 Kedleston Ave.; Richmond, VA 23234-4739 (804-271-0923).

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Cason BRINSON, Sr., b. ca. 1693 in Princess Ann Co., VA, md. Frances MARSH ca. 1718, dau. of George MARSH. Their children: John, Cason Jr., Mary B. GIBBS, Sarah B. JONES, James, Amey B. PRESCOTT. During 1740s, purchased land in Hyde, Onslow, New Hanover and Craven Counties, NC. Died ca. 1765.

Kenneth Hill BRINSON; 284 Shoreline Drive; New Bern, NC 28562-9519 (919-636-2038).

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Where did the Kinston Road and Tar Road meet in Greenville Township during the late 1880s? There was a colonial church called English Chapel and a school house belonging to a colonial school district in the immediate area. Surrounding land was owned by J. J. FORBES.

—Jack and Audrey SIRMAN; 4828 Shadeland Drive; Baton Rouge, LA 70816-6723 (504-752-1364).

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Request info. on John POWELL, b. 1791?, d. 1850, m. Elizabeth HODGES and then Sidney HOLTON.

—Arlene F. WILLS; 1112a Manchester Drive; Raleigh, NC 27609-5155 (919-781-3625).





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## Notice.

The subscribers qualified at Nov. Term of Pitt County Court, as executors to the last Will and Testament of Benjamin MAY, sen. Those having Claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them for payment within the time prescribed by Law, otherwise this Notice will be plead in the bar of their recovery. Those indebted to said estate are requested to make payment.

Benjamin MAY, sen., William MAY, James MAY, Executors.

Pitt County, Dec. 5th 1808.

[NC Star, Dec. 8, 1808]

## State of NC, Edgecombe County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February term 1813.

Jesse WOOTTEN, Silas EDWARDS, in right of his wife Ann, John COBB, in right of his wife Winnifred, Bryant EDWARDS, in right of his wife Eliza, Dempsey CORBITT, in right of his wife Milley, Stephen WOOTTEN; Ephraim WOOTTEN, Amos WOOTTEN and David WOOTTEN, by their guardian Samuel RUFFIN.

vs. Hardy WOOTTEN and Eli WOOTTEN—Petition for Partition.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendants, Hardy WOOTTEN and Eli WOOTTEN, are not inhabitants of this State—It was ordered, that notice be given to the said Hardy WOOTTEN and Eli WOOTTEN, by publication in the Raleigh Star, for six weeks, that unless they appear and answer at the next term of said Court, to be held for the county aforesaid, at the Court-House in Tarborough on the fourth Monday in May next, the petition will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte.

Test Edward HALL, c. c.

[NC Star, July 2, 1813]

## State of NC, Beaufort County. In Equity, Fall Term, 1813.

Hutchins G. BURTON, and Sally his wife, Mary JONES, Rob't. A. JONES, an infant by his guardian, John W. EPPES, and Patsey, his wife, Joseph B. LITTLEJOHN, Benjamin WILLIAMSON, and Benjamin MCCULLOCH, complainants.

vs. William ROSS, exector of John G. L. SCHENCK, Charles HUDSON, Richard HUDSON, Thomas HUDSON, Peter HUDSON, William HUDSON, Carry HUDSON, Achilles CARRAWAY, and Elizabeth his wife, Richard P. MONTGOMERY, and Sally his wife, heirs at law of John HUDSON, deceased, Joseph John SUMNER, administrator of John HUDSON, Thomas H. BLOUNT, executor of Thomas BLOUNT, deceased, Cornelius CORNEGYS and John CORNEGYS, defendants. Original Bill.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the above Charles, Richard, Thomas, Peter, William and Cary HUDSON, Archilles and Elizabeth CARRAWAY, Richard P. and Sally MONTGOMERY, Joseph John SUMNER, are not inhabitants of this state: it is ordered that publication be made in the Star, published in Raleigh for two months, that unless the above named Charles, Richard, Thomas, Peter, William and Cary HUDSON, Achilles and Elizabeth CARRAWAY, Richard P. and Sally MONTGOMERY, Joseph John SUMNER, Cornelius and John CORNEGYS, appear at the next term of this Court, on the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday in March next, and plead, answer or demur to the complainant's bill, that the same be taken pro confesso as to them, and set for hearing ex parte at the succeeding term.

From the minutes, Test, Waltar HANRAHAN, CME.

[NC Star, Jan. 14, 1814]





State of NC, Pitt County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August term, 1814.

Joseph S. DARDEN and Elizabeth his wife, Godfrey STANCILL and Dorcas his wife, James GARRET and Abigal his wife, Simon JONES and Richard JONES an infant, by Joseph S. DARDEN, his guardian.  
vs. Henry JONES. Partition.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant, Henry JONES, is not an inhabitant of this State—it is ordered by the Court that publication be made six weeks in the Raleigh Star, that the defendant appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Pitt, at the Court-House in Greenville on the first Monday of November next, and plead answer or demur or the petition will be taken pro confesso.

Alexander EVANS, Clk

[NC Star, Aug. 26, 1814]

Notice.

Is hereby given that the subscribers qualified as Executors to the last will and testament of Benj. ATKINSON, deceased, at February term of Pitt County court, 1816.—All persons having claims against the estate, are requested to present them for payment, within the time limited by law; otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, by note or account, are earnestly requested to settle, with cash or note with approved security, within three months from this date. Those who do not comply with the above request, may expect to find their notes and accounts in the hands of an officer.

George A. SUGG,

Peter SUGG, Executors

February 14, 1816

Will be Sold.

On Thursday the 14th of March next, at the late residence of Benjamin ATKINSON deceased, a general assortment of dry goods, Hardware of every description, one ton bar iron, two or three hundred bushels Turks Island salt, one hundred and seventy-five barrels pork, fifty barrels tar, sixty or seventy thousand weight bacon, one hundred kegs of lard, a large quantity of corn, twenty barrels brandy, two hundred bushels peas, two wagons Iron, horses, hogs, cattle, sixty or seventy head sheep, one elegant carriage and harness, valuable household and kitchen furniture, and a number of other articles not mentioned. Six months credit will be given, on the purchaser giving notes with approved security. The sale will continue from day to day until all is completed. Also at the same time and place will be rented and hired, a part of the Negroes belonging to the estate of said deceased.

George & Peter SUGG, Ex'rs.

February 14, 1816

[NC Star, Feb. 23, 1816]

State of NC, Beaufort County. Amended Bill in Equity.

John Gray BLOUNT,

vs. James HARRIS, Wm. HARRIS, Saml HARRIS, Margaret ROSEBOROUGH, Cassandra DONWOODEE, Samuel P. HARRIS and Edward HARRIS, Patsey HARRIS, Meky HARRIS, Levy T. HARRIS, Kero HARRIS, and Sidney HARRIS, infants, by their guardian Samuel P. HARRIS; Andrew PROVINE and Rebecca PROVINE his wife, Robert SLOAN and Martha SLOAN his wife, James M'CALLUM & Mary M'CALLUM, his wife, Robert M'CORD and Parmelia his wife, Abner HARRIS, Eli, HARRIS, Thomas STEPHENSON and Lydia his wife, heirs at Law of Edward HARRIS dec'd.

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**GREENVILLE ITEMS** (*Eastern Reflector*, July 25, 1894, Weds.)

- Mrs. Mary E. BRILEY, of Martin county, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. S. C. BENJAMIN.
- Mrs. Caroline CHERRY returned home last week from a visit to her duahgter, Mrs. Eva SATCHWELL, of Yatesville, who accompanied her to spend a while visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. GREENE.



It having been made appear to the satisfaction fo the Court that the defendants in this case are not inhabitants of this State except James M'COLLUM and Mary his wife, and Thomas STEVENSON and Lydia his wife. Ordered, that publication be made three months in the Recorder, for those who reside out of this State, to appear at the next Superior Court of Law and Equity, to be held for the county of Beaufort, at the Court House in Washington the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday in September next, then and there cause themselves to be made parties to said Bill or they will be dealt with according to the law in such case made and provided.

Walter HANRAHAN, C. M. E.

[*American Recorder*, Washington, NC, Aug. 23, 1816]

State of NC, Pitt County. Superior Court of Law and Equity September Term, 1816.

James ENGLISH,

vs. Jno. SERMON & wife, Elijah CHAMBERLAIN and *others*.

It appearing to the satisfaction of this court, that Gatsey, Sally, and Ira LEDON, three of the defendants in this suit, are not inhabitants of this state; It is ordered that two months public notice be given to the aforesaid defendants by aydvertisement in the Raleigh Star, that unless they appear at the next Term of this Court to be held at the Court-House in Greenville on the frist Moonday, in March next, and put in their answers to the bill of complaint, judgment will be entered against them proconfesso.

W. HANRAHAN, C.M.E.

[*NC Star*, Nov. 15, 1816]

State of NC, Greene County. Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions, August 1819.

Sarah HARPER,

vs. Francis HARPER, J. HARPER, Hugh HARPER, Alex HARPER, Blanne HARPER, Robert HARPER, Elijah JOHNSON and Elizabeth his wife, Caleb SPIVEY, James SPIVEY, Alexander SPIVEY, Jesse HART and Polly his wife, John FOREHAND and Susannah his wife, Ephraim SPIVY by his Guardian, Alexander SPIVY, and Elizabeth SPIVY by her Guardian John HARPER—Petition for distributive share and Dower.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Elijah JOHNSON and Elizabeth his wife, and John FOREHAND and Susannah his wife, are not inhabitants of this State; Ordered that publication be made for one month in the Star paper printed at Raleigh, for the said Elijah JOHNSON, and Elizabeth his wife, and John FOREHAND and Susannah his wife to appear at our next Court to be held for the county aforesaid, at the Court House in Snow Hill, on the second Monday of November next, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petition should not be granted.

Attest, A. TOOLEY, Clk

[*NC Star*, Sept. 24, 1819]

State of NC, Edgecombe County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term, 1819.

George W. KILLEBREW,

vs. Josiah WORRELL—Original attachment reture "levied on Lan," &c.

It appearing to the sattifsatisfaction of the Court that Josiah WORRELL, the defendant, is not an inhabitant of this state; It is therefore ordered that notice be given the said Josiah WORRELL, by advertisement for three months in the Star, printed in Raleigh, that unless he appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at the Court-House in Tarborough, on the fourth Monday of February next, replevy and plead, judgment will entered against him.

Teste, E. HALL, C. C.

[*NC Star*, Jan. 25, 1820]

State of NC, Pitt County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term, 1819.

Elizabeth DOWNS,

vs. the Heirs of Nehemiah DOWNS—Petition for dower.

It having been made appear to the satisfaction of the Court, that Isaac DOWNS, William DOWNS, Silus DOWNS, Elisha and Tabitha HATHOWAY, heirs at Law of Nehemiah DOWNS, are not inhabitants of this State; Ordered that notice be given said defendants, by publication for two months in





the Star, to the said Isaac, Willia, Silus, Elisha and Tabitha, to appear at the next Court to be held for the county of Pitt, at the Court-House in Greenville, on the first Monday of February next, then and there to answer, otherwise the prayer of the petition will be taken pro confesso.

Alexander EVANS, Clk.

[NC Star, Jan. 25, 1820]

State of NC. Edgecombe County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term, 1819.

William Edmundsen, Agent of Jesse Woodard,

vs. Benjamin Amason, jr.—Original attachment return, “levied on the land and negroes of Benjamin Amason, dec’d. say all the right said Benjamin Amason, jr. has to said property”

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Benjamin Amason, jr. the defendant, is not an inhabitant of this state; It is therefore ordered that notice be given the said Benjamin Amason, jr. by advertisement for three months in the Star, printed in Raleigh, that unless he appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at the Court-House in Tarborough, on the fourth Monday of February next, replevy and plead, judgment will entered against him.

Teste, E. HALL, C. C.

[NC Star, Jan. 25, 1820]

State of NC. Pitt County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1821.

Joy FOREMAN

vs. The Heirs at Law of Reuben COBB, deceased

It having been made appear to the satisfaction of the Court, that James COBB, Reading COBB, Mary COBB, Charity THOMAS, Zilpha VAN, Elizabeth TRUSS, Charity PEEBLES, James TRUSS, Mary SPAIN, Sarah TRUSS, Jerusha PEACOCK and David COBB, Heirs at Law of said Reuben COBB, dec’d., are not inhabitants of this State; It was ordered that notice be given the said James COBB, Reading COBB, Mary COBB, Charity THOMAS, Zilpha VAN, Elizabeth TRUSS, Charity PEEBLES, James TRUSS, Mary SPAIN, Sarah TRUSS, Jerusha PEACOCK, and David COBB, by publication in the Star for six weeks, that unless they appear at the next Court to be held for the county of Pitt, at the Court-House in Greenville, on the third Monday of November next, then and there to plead, judgment will be entered up against them, and execution awarded against the land so as aforesaid to them descended to satisfy the aforesaid judgment and all accruing costs:

Alexander EVANS, Clk.

[NC Star, Sept. 21, 1821]

State of NC. Pitt County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1821.

William PEEDEN

vs. The Heirs at Law of Reuben COBB, deceased

[The remainder of this notice is identical to the one immediately above.]

Alexander EVANS, Clk.

[NC Star, Sept. 21, 1821]

State of NC. Pitt County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, February Term, 1822.

John BLAND and wife, and Eliza S. MOORE,

vs. Caswell MOORE and others, heirs of Stewart MOORE, dec’d.—Petition for partition.

It having been made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that Caswell MOORE, \_\_\_\_\_ [illeg.] MOORE, Megimpsie MOORE, Aldridge MOORE, Viney, the wife of Morgan BUCK, Harriet, the wife of John SPEIR, Clemmy, the wife of William BARROW, are not inhabitants of this State; It was ordered that publication be made six weeks in the Star, and at the court house, notifying the said defendants that they appear at the next Court to be held for the county of Pitt, at the court-house in Greenville on the first Monday of May next, then and there to answer the petition of John BLAND and Jane his wife, and Eliza S. MOORE, an infant, who sues in this behalf by Walter HANRAHAN, her guardian, otherwise the prayer of the petitioners will be taken pro confesso.

Alexander EVANS, Clk.

[NC Star, Mar. 29, 1822]





State of NC, Lenoir County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—January Term, 1822.

Isaiah JOHNSTON and wife and others,

vs. Henry, James and Simon BELL, Sally ROUSE, Burwell M'LENDON and Nancy his wife, John BAKER and Polly his wife, Robert DANIEL and Elenor his wife, James VASS and Charlotte his wife—Petition for partition.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Sally ROUSE, Burwell M'LENDON and Nancy his wife, John BAKER and Polly his wife, Robert DANIEL and Elenor, his wife, James VASS and Charlotte his wife, are not residents of this state, it was therefore ordered that publication be made in the State Gazette, for six weeks, that unless they appear before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for county of Lenoir at the court-house in Kinston, on the first Monday in April next, and then and there plead, answer or demur, the petition will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte as to them.

C. WESTBROOK, C. C.

[NC Star, Mar. 29, 1822]

State of NC, Pitt County. Court of Equity—September Term, 1822.

Luke BENTLEY and others

vs. Benjamin FORBES and other.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that one of the defendants in this suit (being the husband of Honour, formerly the widow of Benjamin BARROW, whose name is BROWN, but whose christian name, at this time, cannot be ascertained) resides beyond the limits of this state, so that process cannot be served on him; it is ordered, by the Court, that publication be made for six weeks in the Raleigh Star, that unless the said BROWN appear at the next term of said court to be held at the court house in Greenville, in the county of Pitt, on the first Monday in March next, and answer the complaint set forth in said bill, that judgment will be taken pro confesso against him.

Witness, W. HANRAHAN, Clerk and Master of said Court, at office the 26th day of December, 1822.

W. HANRAHAN, C M E

[NC Star, Jan. 17, 1823]

State of NC, Pitt county—May Sessions, 1823.

Medlin MOORE, widow of R. MOORE,

vs. Martin MOORE, Samuel MOORE and others.—Petition for dower.

Ordered that publication be made in the Star, that Samuel MOORE appear before the Justices of said Court, on the first Monday in August next, then and there to answer, &c.

Geo. EVANS, Clerk

[NC Star, June 13, 1823]

State of NC, Pitt county—May Sessions, 1823.

Ro. ROBSON and wife, Alpheus STOKES and wife, and Isabella BROWN

vs. \_\_\_\_ BROWN and Amy BROWN his wife, Allen WARREN, Will. EDWARDS, Warren

EDWARDS—Petition for partition.

Ordered that publication be made in the Star, that \_\_\_\_ BROWN and Amy his wife, formerly Amy WARREN, appear before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Pitt, on the first Monday in August next, then and there to answer, &c.

Geo. EVANS, Clk.

[NC Star, June 13, 1823]

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**PERSONAL.** (*Eastern Reflector*, Jan. 10, 1894, Weds.)

—Dr. R. L. CARR has returned to Philadelphia to continue his dental studies.

—Mr. T. E. RANDOLPH, Jr., left last week for Pemberton, Ga., to take a position there.

—Mr. E. A. MOYE, Jr., left Wednesday morning of last week to resume his medical studies in Philadelphia.



State of NC, Pitt County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Sessions, 1823.

John KITTERILL *et als*,  
vs. Noah KITTERILL.

Jethro KITTERILL *et als*  
vs. Noah KITTERILL.

Ordered that publication be made in the American Recorder for 3 months that Noah Kitterill appear and answer of Judgment will be taken by default.

George Evans, Clk.

[*American Recorder*, Washington, NC, Sept. 19, 1823]

State of NC, Pitt Coutny. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Sessions, 1823.

Wm MOORE, Thomas COWAN and wife, *et als*.

vs. Sam'l MOORE, *et als*.—Petition for distribution.

It having been made appear to the satisfaction of the Court, that Sam'l MOORE is not an inhabitant of this state, it was ordered that notice be given the said MOORE, by publication in the Star for six weeks, that unless he appear at the next November Term of said Court, to be held at the Court House in Greenville, then and there to plead, judgment will be entered up against him.

Geo. EVANS, Clk.

[*NC Star*, Sept. 19, 1823]

State of NC, Greene County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1823.

William HOLLIDAY,

vs. The heirs at law of Francis RASBURY, dec'd.,—Sci. fa.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that John RASBURY, John BRAND and Elvy his wife, who are defendants in this case, are residents of another state; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made for three months, that unless they appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Greene, at the Court House in Snow Hill, on the second Monday of November next, then and there to plead, &c. judgment will be taken pro con fesso and the cause heard ex parte as to them, and judgment entered accordingly.

Witness, William WILLIAMS, Clerk of said Court, at Snow Hill, the 2nd Mon. of August, A.D. 1825

Wm. WILLIAMS, Clk.

[*NC Star*, Sept. 19, 1823]

State of NC, Greene County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1823.

Thomas HOLLIDAY,

vs. The heirs at law of Francis RASBURY, dec'd.,—Sci. fa.

[Note: The remainder of this notice is identical to the one immediately above.]

Wm. WILLIAMS, Clk.

[*NC Star*, Sept. 19, 1823]

State of NC, Greene County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, August Term, 1823.

Jonathan EASON, Stephen EASON, John RUFF and Chloe his wife, William TURNAGE and Susan his wife, Joshua THIGPEN and Fanny his wife, and Joseph THIGPEN and Clara his wife,

vs. Isaac SCARBOROUGH and Nancy his wife, and Benj EASON and others—Petition for partition.

It appearing to the satisfactin of the Court, that William EASON, Seth EASON, Sterling EASON and Howel EASON, four of the defendants in this case, are not residents of this state; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Raleigh Star for five weeks, that unless they appear at our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Session to be held for the county of Greene, at the Court House in Snow Hill, on the second Monday of November next, and show cause to the contrary, the petition will be taken pro confesso, and heard ex parte as to them, and a decree made accordingly.

Witness, William WILLIAMS, Clerk of said Court, at Snow-Hill, the 2nd Mon. of August, A.D. 1823.

Attest, Wm. WILLIAMS, Clk.

[*NC Star*, Sept. 19, 1823]





# MILITARY RECORDS, 1798–1814

The following are notes and abstracts from a microfilmed "Record Group 233," *Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army 1798–1814*, as found at the National Archives. The original appears to have been a ledger book of accumulated service information for soldiers from all over the country, taken from older records. The information, grouped only by first letter, is full of unknown abbreviations. These particular selections are based on birthplace. The reference is to the volume number of the microfilm, and to item number for specific individuals on the roll (some out of sequence). Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



## Volume 7

- #84 Arthur DAVIS. Age 22 and 4 mon., Private 2nd US Infantry under Capt. W. R. BOOTE. 5 ft. 8 in. tall, black eyes, black hair, dark complexion, farmer, born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted Sept. 10, 1807 in Ocumgee Old Fields by Capt. BOOTE, tried March 11, 1808, for giving liquor to prisoners, given 25 lashes; deserted April 20, 1808. Transferred at Baton Rouge Feb. 19, 1811, to Capt. William LAWRENCE's Co.; present and acctd. for to Nov. 1813.
- #334 Bookey DIXON, born Edgecombe Co., NC
- #377 Baldy DYER. Private 39th US Infantry under Col. J. WILLIAMS. 5 ft. 10 in. tall, blue eyes, black hair, sandy/fair complexion, farmer, born Greenville, NC. Enlisted Nov. 20, 1814, by Ensign R. B. HARVEY [OR HARNEY?] for 5 years. Stationed at Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 20, 1814, in Lt. W. A. COVINGTON's Co.; died Feb. 1815.
- #393 Caleb DAVIS. born Edgecombe Co., NC
- #532 Daniel DAVIS. Age 33. Private 8th US Infantry. 5 ft. 4 1/2 in. tall, dark eyes, dark hair, light complexion, farmer, born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted Nov. 9, 1814, at Dublin under Capt. LAPRADE for 5 years. Stationed at Ft. Hawkins Dec. 31, 1815; deserted May 1, 1816, was at Ft. Marks, Fla.; jailed for desertion March 10, 1818 until released Aug. 9, 1821.
- #1215 Hardy DUNN. Age 35, born New Bern, NC.
- #1438 Jesse DAVIS. Age 18. Private 20th US Infantry. 5 ft. 4 in. tall, hazel eyes, dark hair, yellow complexion, farmer, born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted July 1, 1814 in New Bern/or Suffolk, Va., under Lt. John H. HOWARD. Stationed at Suffolk, Va. July–Aug. 1814 in Capt. W. S. JOTTS Co. Was at Norfolk, Va., March 15, 1815; listed on casualty roll as sick in hospital in April 1815; reported to be entitled to an honorable discharge.
- #1492 John DAVIS. Age 35 or 47, born Dobbs Co., NC.
- #1927 John DICKINSON. Age 38, born New Bern, NC; sailmaker.
- #2194 James DOUGLAS. Age 21, born Martin Co., NC.
- #2397 John DUNBAR. Age 19, of NC and Kentucky.
- #2560 Lemuel DAVIDSON. Age 42, born Martin Co., NC; hatter.
- #2980 Robert DANIEL. Age 22. Private 43rd US Infantry. 6 ft. 1 in. tall, blue eyes, light hair, light complexion, farmer, born Martin Co., NC. Enlisted May 24, 1814, at Plymouth, NC, by Capt. Henry GARRETT, discharged at Ft. Hampton on Aug. 1, 1815, when term expired (see pension case).
- #3035 Richard DESMOND. Age 25, born Lenoir Co., NC.
- #3135 Simon DELOACH. Age 27, Private 39th US Infantry. 5 ft. 8 in. tall, hazel eyes, sandy hair, fair complexion, farmer, born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted Nov. 21, 1814, by Lt. SOMERVILLE for 5 years. Served in several companies; discharged at Ft. Scott, Ga., Nov. 20, 1819, when term expired (see pension case).
- #3647 Wiley DAVIS. Age 26, born Martin Co., NC.
- #3641 William DAVIDSON. Age 30, born Martin Co., NC.



### Volume 13

- #1762 Solomon JONES, age 19, born Craven Co., NC.
- #1751 Shadrick JONES, age 30, born Green Co., NC.
- #1462 Martin JENKINS, age 24. Private 43 US Infantry under Capt. Henry GARRETT. 5 ft. 9 in. tall, gray eyes, light complexion, light hair, farmer; born Martin Co., NC. Enlisted May 21, 1814, at Tarboro, NC; stationed at Ft. Hampton, where he was discharged Aug. 1, 1815 (see pension case).
- #1309 John JORDAN, age 40. Rect. S. F. Capt. J. NICHOLSON. 5 ft. 7 in. tall, dark eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, farmer; born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted Feb. 7, 1814 at Elizabethtown, NC, discharged Feb. 7, 1814 [?].
- #1140 Isham JONES, age 18, born Lenoir Co., NC
- #823 John JENKINS, age 22, Private 43 US Infantry under Capt. Henry GARRETT. 5 ft. 10 in. tall, dark eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, cooper; born Martin Co., NC. Enlisted June 14, 1814, in Tarboro, NC, for five years; died at Ft. Norfolk on June 1, 1818.
- #643 John JACKSON, age 23, born Martin Co., NC.
- #519 Hezekiah JACKSON, age 34, born Beaufort, NC.
- #470 George JENKINS, age 21, born Washington, NC.
- #455 George JACKSON, age 24, born Martin Co., NC.
- #241 Charles JUDKINS, age 43. Private 43 US Infantry under Capt. Edward TATNALL. 5 ft. 8 in. tall, blue eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, farmer; born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted Jan. 7, 1814, at Louisville, GA, by Lt. GATES for five years. Stationed at Ft. Barrington, taken prisoner Jan. 13, 1815, at Point Peter.

### Volume 24

- #559 Little VOWELL. Age 18. Private 39th US Infantry. 5 ft. 6 in. tall, born Greenville, NC. Enlisted Oct. 25, 1813, at Knoxville, Tenn, by Capt. William WALKER for one year.
- #486 Jesse VINCENT. Age 25, born Craven Co., NC.
- #149 Edward VAN. Age 21, born Martin Co., NC.
- #2827 William TYSON. Age 20, from Hyde Co., NC.
- #2836 Zachariah TURNAGE. Age 14, born Chesterfield, SC.
- #2530 Thomas TYSON. Age 20. Private 10th US Infantry. 5 ft 10 in. tall, hazel eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, laborer, born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted May 27, 1813, at Wadesboro, NC, by Lt. DUFPEY for 5 years. Served in several companies; discharged May 27, 1818, at Ft. Crawford when term expired.
- #2390 Thomas TAUNT, Sr. Age 40, born Craven Co., NC.
- #2391 Thomas TAUNT, Jr. Age 18, born Craven Co., NC.
- #1946 Nathaniel THIGPEN. Age 38, born Edgecombe Co., NC.
- #1746 Lewis TEAL. Age 37. Private US Rifles. 5 ft. 8 in. tall, hazel eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, farmer, born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted Aug. 22, 1814, at Lancaster, SC, by Robert CAMPBELL for 5 years. Served in several companies; discharged Aug. 21, 1819, when term expired.
- #912 Irvin TAUNT. Age 21, born Craven Co., NC.

### Volume 11

- #1058 David HORN. Age 22, born Onslow Co., NC.
- #1749 Henry HARDISON. Age 19. Rect. S. F. Regiment under Capt. F. BROOKS. 5 ft. 8 in. tall, blue eyes, dark hair, dark complexion, farmer, born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted March 17, 1814, for one year. Stationed at Washington, NC; was listed present but sick Aug. 31, 1814.
- #1883 Henry HOMES. Age 17, born Beaufort Co., NC.



- #1905 Harmon HOWARD. Age 22, born Onslow Co., NC.
- #1942 Howell HUMPHREY. Age 30, born Onslow Co., NC.
- #2227 John HAMILTON. Age 22, born Beaufort Co., NC.
- #2413 Jethro HARDY/HARDEE. Age 22. Sergt. 24th US Infantry. 5 ft. 11 in. tall, blue eyes, light hair, dark complexion, farmer, born Pitt Co., NC. Enlisted Sept. 8, 1813 by Lt. HAYS for 5 years. Was at Ft. Gladson from Feb. 28, to June 30, 1818. Discharged at Ft. Hawkins on Sept. 18, 1818 (see pension case).
- #2592 James S. HART. Age 20. Private 2nd US Rifles. 6 ft. 2 in. tall, blue eyes, dark hair, light complexion, laborer, born Green Co., NC. Enlisted May 31, 1814, in Kentucky by Lt. LONDON. Discharged at Detroit, Mich., on June 30, 1815 (see pension case).
- #2647 James HARVEY. Age 18, born Beaufort Co., NC.

#### Volume 26

- #6014 Zadock WOOD. Age 22, born Craven Co., NC.
- #5883 William WOOD. Age 23, born Onslow Co., NC.
- #5749 William WILLIAMS. Age 22, born Craven Co., NC.
- #5705 William WILKINSON, born Martin Co., NC.
- #5451 William WARD. Age 18, born Martin Co., NC.
- #5059 Thomas WARD. Age 18, born Martin Co., NC.
- #4864 Sampson WIGGINS. Age 28, born Edgecombe Co., NC.
- #4482 Robert WEATHERSBY. Age 21, born Martin Co., NC.
- #4386 Redden WADE. Age 22, born Lenoir Co., NC.
- #4092 McGilberry WYATT. Age 16, born Martin Co., NC; cabinet maker.
- #4049 Mathew WILLIAMS. Age 23, born Craven Co., NC.
- #4053 Moses WILLIAMS. Age 14, born Washington [Beaufort Co.], NC
- #3997 Matthew WELCH. Age 22, born Beaufort Co., NC.
- #3667 Joseph WORNER. Age 26, born Beaufort Co., NC.
- #3641 James WOOLERSON. Age 20, born Green Co., NC.

## **Pitt**

*Saturday*

## **County**

*October 18, 1997*

## **Family**

*8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

## **Researchers'**

*Willis Building*

## **First**

*at 1st and Reade Streets*

## **Family**

*Greenville, NC*

## **Reunion**

A directional map and list of area accommodations will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration. Bring your research materials and compare and exchange with others.

Mail, along with \$5 fee, to:

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Top Five Surnames you are researching:

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# BIBLE AND FAMILY RECORDS

## THE JOHN KENNEDY BIBLE

From a copy in the possession of Kathleen Whichard of Greenville, NC. The record begins: "Old English Bible. (middle section after Malachi)" Contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

John Kennedy Son of John Kennedy & Elizabeth his wife was born March 6, 1735 and was married to Absley Holland [?], September 23, 1762  
Absley Spier, Daughter of John Spier and Martha his wife was born the 27th Day Jan. 1728

Apsley Kennedy, daughter of Wm Kennedy and Apsley his wife was born the 22 January in the year of Our Lord 1764

John Kennedy, Son of John Kennedy and Apsley his wife was born November 30th 1765

William Kennedy Son of John Kennedy and Apsley his wife was born 30th July 1768

Twins:

Martha Kennedy, daughter of John and Apsley his wife was born 16th May 1770

Willie Kennedy, Son of John & Apsley his wife was born 16th May 1770

*"(Just before St. Matthew—middle Section)"*

Parted this life Wm Absley Kennedy wife of John Kennedy the 13th November 1800 at 3 of the clock in the morning—aged 79 years & 9 months

*"(Back of the first page in the Bible)"*

Ann Adam departed this life August 11th 1760 in the 67 year of her life

John Kennedy departed this life May the first 1769 in the 72 year of his age

Martha Kennedy departed this life the fifth day of September 1771 age one year & about 4 months.

*"(on front of first page in the Bible)"*

Parted this life Wm. Absley Kennedy wife of John Kennedy Esq. the 12th November 1802 at 2 of the clock in the morning. Age 72 years & 9 months. And whose funeral Sermon was preached the first day of February following by a Mr. Patterson, from XIV6\_\_\_ [looks like 6L13U] St. John The subject matter of which is Blessed are they who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours, and their work do follow them.

\_\_\_? [John] Kennedy departed this life the 1st day of September 1801 Aged 66 years & 6 months

Wiley Kennedy departed this life the 12th day of September 1808 about 12 Oclock at night 38 years & about 4 months—he died at Mr W Cauley's near Hillsborough

## THE JOHN KENNEDY [JR.] BIBLE

From a copy in the possession of Kathleen Whichard of Greenville, NC. Her records refer to this Bible as the "1808 Kennedy Bible." Contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

### MARRIAGES

John Kennedy & Elizabeth Hardy Simpson Easton were married thursday 25th February 1801 at Milton near Greenville, Pitt County, No Carolina by the Reverend Nathaniel Blount

Warren Easton Kennedy & Harriet Ann S. Lanier were married Monday Nov 18, 1833 by Samuel Latham, Esq.

William Kennedy Delnney & Mary Spier Kennedy were married Thrusday 2nd September 1841 at Greenville No Carolina by the Rev. N. A. Purify.

Edward Patrick & Susan Simpson Kennedy were married Wednesday 17th April 1844 at Greenville No Carolina by Gould Hoyt, Esq.

John S. Kennedy and Abbsley Grist were married June 4th 1857, near Washington, North Carolina by Rev. Edwin Geer.



### BIRTHS

John Kennedy Son of John Kennedy and Absley his wife was born November 30th 1765  
Elizabeth Hardy Simpson Easton now the wife of John Kennedy was born at Chatteam, Pitt County,  
No Car., May 12th 1789

John Simpson Kennedy Son of John Kennedy and Elizabeth his wife was born June the 5th 1809  
Ann Eliza Kennedy, daughter of John Kennedy and Elizabeth, his wife, was born November 16th  
1810

Warren Eason Kennedy, Son of John & Elizabeth, his wife, was born November 8th 1813  
Absly Spier Kennedy, daughter of John Kennedy and Elizabeth, his wife, was born the 11th of  
February 1816

Susan Simpson Kennedy, daughter of John Kennedy and Elizabeth, his wife, was born 12th March 1817  
Mary Spier Kennedy, daughter of John Kennedy and Elizabeth, his wife, was born 18th March 1818

### DEATHS

John Kennedy Son of John Kennedy and Absley, his wife, died the 14th July 1826 Aged 60 years 7  
months and 16 days

Elizabeth H. S. Brimhley [Brinkley?] wife of John Kennedy died in Greenville, October 20th 1844

Absley Spier Kennedy, daughter of John Kennedy and Elizabeth his wife, died the 13th September  
1817. Aged 1 year 7 months and 2 days

Ann E(liza) Kennedy daughter of John Kennedy and Elizabeth his wife died June 11th 1838 at  
Horner's near Washington, No. Car.

Susan S. Patrick daughter of John Kennedy and Elizabeth, his wife, died in Greene Co. near  
Hookerton, No. Car. March 27th 1845

Warren Eason Kennedy, Son of John Kennedy and Elizabeth, his wife died the 20th December 1882  
at 2 Oclock AM at Atlanta, Ga. and was buried in Greensboro, Alabama



### **THE WARREN EASON KENNEDY BIBLE**

From a copy in the possession of Kathleen Whichard of Greenville, NC. Contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

### BIRTHS

Warren Eason Kennedy Son of John Kennedy Elizabeth Kennedy his wife was born at Hes\_\_\_ [illeg.]  
near Washington, Beaufort County N.C. Nov. 8, 1813

Martha Elizabeth Kennedy daughter of Alfred & Martha Forbes was born near Greenville Pitt  
County, N.C. April 25th 1834

Alfred Forbes Kennedy Son of Warren Eason & Martha Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kennedy, his wife, was born  
Saturday. Jan. 12th 1872—Marengan [Marengo?] County. Ala.

Arthur John Kennedy Son of Warren Eason Kennedy & Martha Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kennedy his wife,  
was born Tuesday night. March 20th 1874—Perry County, Ala.

### MARRIAGES

Warren E. Kennedy & Martha Elizabeth Forbes daughter of Alfred & Martha Forbes was married near  
Greenville N.C. Pitt County N.C. January 9, 1870

Alfred Forbes Kennedy & Ora Violetta Whichard daughter of David Fleming Whichard & Violetta  
Hearn Jordan was married Sept. 19, 1893

Robert David Whichard & Ora Kathleen Kennedy daughter of Alfred Forbes & Ora Violetta Kennedy  
were married at Greenville N.C. April 10, 1920

Eli Moffiett Costner & Mary Gray Kennedy daughter of Alfred Forbes & Ora Violetta Kennedy were  
married Dec. 25, 1923 at 10:30 Oclock at home Bertie Co., RFD 1. Aulander, N.C. by Rev. R.  
C. Fortune

### DEATHS

Warren Eason Kennedy. Died at Atlanta, Georgia on Tuesday morning at Three O'clock Dec. 20, 1882  
Arthur John Kennedy died near Greenville, N.C. Monday night at 10 minutes of eleven o'clock Oct.  
17, 1892





Martha Elizabeth Kennedy died at 10 min. past 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. March 3, 1903.  
Greenville, N.C.

### THE ALFRED FORBES BIBLE

From a copy in the possession of Kathleen Whichard of Greenville, NC. Contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

#### MARRIAGES

Alfred Forbes and Martha was married the 27th of September In the year of our Lord 1827

#### BIRTHS

Arthur Gusta Forbes was born 20th of July in the year of 1827 Sunday

Mary Dellever Forbes was born the 20th of June [?] in the [torn or cut out]

John E. Forbes was born the 26 of December the year of 1832, Monday

Martha E. Forbes was born 25th of April in the year of 1834—Friday

Susan C. Forbes was born 23rd of October In the year of Our Lord ~~1835~~ [struck through], Sunday

Richard Augustus H. Forbes was born the 29 of July 1847. Saturday

Alfred Forbes was born the 8th of June in the year of Our Lord 1806

Laura Louisa? Josephine Forbes was born the 29th of July in the year of Our Lord 1838 Sunday

Alfred Archibald Forbes was born the 3rd of February 1842, Thursday

M. D. Blanche Forbes was born Sep 29th 1859

B \_\_\_\_ [? looks like B aNnes] born [remainder illeg.]

B \_\_\_\_ [? looks like B ahnia] born Nay? the 8 1861

#### DEATHS

Arthur Gust Forbes Departed the life September the 21 in the year of Our Lord 1844 Aged 16 years  
two months and one day

Alfred Forbes Died May 16th 1847

Laura L. Forbes Died Oct 3d 1847

Martha Forbes departed this life the 30 of October 1863

Richard A. H. Forbes departed this life 14th of May 1867

*written in pencil:*

Marriages

G. F. Evans and M. J. [or I.?] Evans was married the 7th of October 1866

### THE WHICHARD-KENNEDY BIBLE

From a copy, entitled "The Whichard Bible, 1832," in the possession of Kathleen Whichard of Greenville, NC. Transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross. The records shown may have been copied originally from two Bibles. Kathleen is the daughter of the late Robert Whichard and Ora Kathleen Kennedy.

#### MARRIAGES

Amelius Gray Jordan and Mary Bauldwin was married April 16th 1833

David F. Whichard and Violetta H. Jordan was married Feb 20th 1855

A. Forbes Kennedy and Ora V. Whichard were married Sept. 19, 1893

Robert D. Whichard and Ora Kathleen Kennedy were married April 10th 1920

#### BIRTHS

Children of David Fleming and Violetta Hearn Whichard:

Magnolia Whichard was born Dec 16th 1855



Claudius Linden Whichard was born April 1st 1857  
 Julian Robert, Son of D. F. & V. H. Whichard was born Jan 11th 1859  
 Frank, Son of D. F. & V. H. Whichard was born Feb 2nd 1861  
 David J., Son of D. F. & V. H. Whichard was born Aug. 8th 1862  
 Willis, Son of D. F. & V. H. Whichard was born April 24th 1866

*From a second Bible?:*

David Fleming Whichard & Violetta Hearn Jordan married Feb 20, 1855

1. Magnolia Whichard born Dec. 16, 1855 Died June 19, 1870
2. Claudius Linden Whichard born April 1st 1857—Died March 25, 1864
3. Julian Robert Whichard born Jan 11, 1859
4. Frank Whichard born Feb 2, 1861 Died Feb 18, 1861
5. David Jordan Whichard born Aug 8, 1862
6. Willis A. Whichard born April 24th 1866 Died Oct. 6, 1867
7. Louis Hilliard Whichard born May 18, 1868 Died July 6, 1871
8. Viola Whichard born July 11, 1870 Died Aug 10, 1871
9. Clarence Brown Whichard born Sept. 10, 1872 Died Jan. 3, 1928
10. Ora Violetta Whichard born June 2, 1875 Died [blank]

Alfred Forbes Kennedy and Ora Violetta Whichard were married Sept. 29, 1893

1. Arthur Eason. Son of A. F. & Ora V. Kennedy was born March 20. 1895 Died March 25, 1905 Wed. in Greenville
2. Alfred Forbes Jr. Son of A. F. & Ora V. Kennedy was born Sept 14, 1896—3rd & Pitt St. Monday Greenville NC
3. Ora Kathleen Kennedy, daughter of A. F. & O. V. Kennedy was born January 4, 1899—on 3rd & Pitt St. Wednesday Greenville NC
4. Mary Gray Kennedy, daughter of A. F. & O. V. Kennedy was born August 6, 1900. on 3rd & Pitt St. Monday, Greenville NC
5. David Warren, Son of A. F. & O. V. Kennedy was born December 28, 1902 on Sunday, 3rd & Pitt St. Greenville. NC
6. Clarence Robert, Son of A. F. & O. V. Kennedy was born Oct. 22, 1904, on 3rd & Pitt St. Sat. Greenville, NC Died July 22, 1905
7. Elizabeth Violetta, daughter of A. F. & Ora V. Kennedy was born Feb. 4th 1907 Monday at Panacea Springs, N.C.
8. Aimee Jordan, daughter of A. F. & Ora V. Kennedy was born Oct 24, 1908 at Panacea Springs NC. Sat.
9. Arthur John, Son of A. F. & Ora V. Kennedy was born at Panacea Springs NC July 31st 1910. Sun.
10. Ella Claire, daughter of A. F. & Ora V. Kennedy was born Oct. 20, 1916. Friday in Greenville, NC
11. (Baby Girl died at Birth Named Florence by John.)

BIRTHS

Amelius Gray Jordan was born May the 6th 1810.

Mary Bauldwin Jordan was born November the 1st 1815.

Violetta H. Jordan. Daughter of Amelius G. Jordan and Mary his wife was born February 20th 1835.

William G. Jordan. Son of A. G. Jordan and Mary his wife was born Sept. 18th 1836.

Sarah C. Jordan. Daughter of A. G. Jordan and Mary his wife was born January 3 in the Year of Our Lord 1841.

Sarah Bicon Baldwin was Born in the Year of Our Lord 1778 on 29th of December.

DEATHS

William G. Jordan died 18th November 1836

Mary Baldwin died — 7th 1836 [month not given]

Sarah C. Jordan daughter of A. G. Jordan and Mary his wife died 9th of May 1841

Sarah B. Baldwin died May 15th 1844



Frank Son of D. F. & V. H. Whichard died Feb. 18th 1861  
Mary A. Jordan died Aug. 25th 1866  
Arthur E. Kennedy died March 25, 1905  
Clarence Robert Kennedy died July 22, 1905



### THE JUDITH DEANES DUPREE BIBLE

From transcript contributed by Ysobel D. (Mrs. John S.) Litchfield of Washington, NC. *The Holy Bible*, published (no date) by B. F. Johnson and Co., Richmond, VA.

Presented to Judith Deanes Dupree by Joseph A. Dupree November 2, 1887

Presented to Deanie Dupree November 2nd 1887 the day she was 27. I hope I will always love this book as I do now.

#### Marriages

Joseph A. Dupree of Greenville, N.C. and Judith D. Boone of Murfreesboro, N.C. on May 3rd 1882 at Murfreesboro, N.C. by Rev. R. T. Vann. Witness: Charles T. Vaughan, William F. Bynum  
William Boone and Judith Deans were married May 3, 1835  
Thomas B. Dupree and Sallie A. May were married May 4, 1849  
Joseph A. Dupree and Judith D. Boone were married May 3, 1882 by Rev. R. T. Vann

#### Births

Walter Boone Dupree was born Apr. 19th 1885  
Alvin Deanes Dupree was born Jan. 29th 1888  
Thomas O'Hagan Dupree was born May 3, 1890  
Mary Lucy Dupree was born Oct. 8, 1893  
William Boone Dupree was born Nov. 9, 1898

#### Deaths

Walter Boone Dupree died on December 9, 1886, Pneumonia, aged 1 year and eight months.  
Joseph Alvin Dupree died Aug. 23, 1901 of Typhoid Fever, aged 54 years and 7 months

[Note by Y. Litchfield points out that the marriage date for Judith Deans and William Boone in this Bible does not agree with the date given in Judith Deanes Boone's Bible (see also).]



### THE BOONE FAMILY BIBLE

From transcript contributed by Ysobel D. (Mrs. John S.) Litchfield of Washington, NC; owned by Dr. Wm. R. Lynch of New York, NY. *Harding's Royal Edition, The Holy Bible*, (no pub. info).

Title page: July 8, 1892  
Judith P. Boone  
Harding's Royal Edition, The Holy Bible

#### Marriages

William Boone and Judith P. Deanes were married May 4, 1837 in Murfreesboro, Hertford Co., N.C.  
James Daniel Boone and Fannie A. Moore were married Jan. 15, 1864 by Rev. A. McDowell  
Thomas Deanes Boone and Margaret W. Vann were married Dec. 8, 1864 by Rev. R. R. Savage  
Lucy T. Boone was married to Dr. W. G. Freeman on the 25th day of Feb., 1869, by Rev. A. McDowell  
Robert Land Boone and Eliza. B. Deloatch were married Dec. 6, 1876 by Rev. R. R. Savage  
Judith Deanes Boone was married to Joseph Dupree on the 3rd day of May, 1882, by Rev. R. T. Vann

#### Births

William Boone, son of James Boone and Lucy, his wife, was born April 23rd, 1812, in Northampton Co., N.C.





Judith P. Deanes, daughter of Thomas and Susanna Deanes was born Dec. 1st, 1821 in Hertford Co., N.C.  
 James Daniel Boone, son of William and Judith Boone was born Feb. 17, 1838, in Murfreesboro, N.C.  
 Thomas Deanes Boone was born October 12, 1840 in Northampton Co., N.C.  
 William Henry Boone was born July 9, 1842 in Northampton Co., N.C.  
 John Wynns Boone was born 3rd March, 1844  
 Lucy Tyner Boone was born 8th June, 1847  
 Walter Boone was born June 9, 1849  
 Susan Perry Boone was born January 2, 1851  
 Charles Boone was born May 8, 1852  
 Robert Land Boone was born November 30, 1853  
 Willieanna Alice Boone was born Feb. 29, 1856  
 Mary Estelle Boone was born October 19, 1857  
 Judith Deanes Boone was born November 2, 1859  
 Bessie Boone, daughter of R. L. Boone and E. B. Boone, was born Dec. 15, 1877

### Deaths

William Henry Boone, third son of William and Judith Boone died 22nd April, 1856 of Congestive chill.  
 Jno. W. Boone, fourth son of Wm. and Judith Boone, died December 18, 1861 at Fredericksburg, Va. of Pneumonia, a soldier in the Confederate Army  
 Willie A. Boone, 3rd daughter of Wm. and Judith Boone died October 18, 1862 of dyptheria  
 Susie P. Boone, 2nd daughter of Wm. and Judith Boone died October 20, 1879 of typhoid fever  
 William Boone died at his home in Northampton Co., N.C. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 1881 of Typhoid Fever, age 69 years, 4 months and 18 days.

### Clipping from a paper found between pages in the Bible:

"In Loving Memory" — At St. Christopher's Hospital in Norfolk, Va., Nov. 22, 1909, death claimed as its victim, one of Northampton's most noble daughters, Mrs. Jordon Edwards (nee Miss Mollie E. Boone). She was the third daughter of Wm. Boone and his wife, Judith Deans Boone.

She was born near Robert's Chapel Church in Northampton County, Oct. 19, 1857 . . . She is survived by a devoted husband, a niece, Miss Bessie Boone, who was as a daughter and sister Lizzie E. Adkins, whom she had adopted. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Hyman of Greenville, and four brothers —Thomas D. Boone, Clerk of the Superior Court of Hertford County, Walter Boone of Norfolk, Virginia, and Charles Boone of Georgetown, S.C. . . .

She joined the Baptist Church at Murfreesboro at the early age of sixteen and while she was a pupil at C.B.F. Institute, where she graduated with honor in 1874. She afterwards moved her membership to Robert's Chapel Baptist Church. After her marriage to Mr. Jordon Edwards, June 24, 1886, she joined Margarettsville Baptist Church. . . .

She was laid to rest in the family cemetery at her old home near Robert's Chapel Church. Her funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Waff, and her former paster, Rev. C. W. Scarborough.

. . . her cousin, Mrs. C. W. Harrell, Rich Square, N.C.



### **THE WILLIAM J. AND MARY ANN E. HARDISON BIBLE**

From transcript contributed by Ysobel D. (Mrs. John S.) Litchfield of Washington, NC, who also owns the Bible. *The Holy Bible*, published 1856 by Jesper Harding, Philadelphia.

Funeral notices enclosed (white paper, black ribbon, black writing; hand delivered door-to-door by a servant or relative):

J. B. Hardison — Holly Springs Church  
 2:00 — Rev. Mr. Wright and Durrell  
 Interment — Baptist Cemetery  
 Apr. 14, 1916



W. J. Hardison — at his late home  
10:30 a.m. — Rev. Mr. Reid and Dowell  
Interment — public cemetery  
July 7, 1908

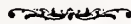
Mrs. W. J. Hardison  
3:00 — Family residence  
(no date)

Family Names — Births, When and Where:

George Robert, 8th issue of W. J. and Mary Hardison was born Oct. 29, 1870  
Wm. Henry Hardison, first issue of W. J. Hardison and Mary A. E. Hardison was born May 14, 1857,  
Williamston, Martin Co., N.C.  
Tallulu Vernon, second issue of W. J. and M. A. E. Hardison was born October 14, 1858, Williamston  
Carnavella, third issue of W. J. and M. A. E. Hardison was born Dec. 1, 1860, Williamston  
Ophelia, fourth issue of Wm. J. and M. A. E. Hardison was born May 21, 1862, near Williamston  
John Ben, fifth issue of Wm. J. and M. A. E. Hardison was born Feb. 1, 1865 near Williamston  
Mary Bet, sixth issue of Wm. J. and M. A. E. Hardison was born Feb. 7, 1867 near Williamston  
James Church, seventh issue of W. J. and Mary A. E. Hardison was born Aug. 27, 1868 near  
Williamston  
Florence Senresha, ninth issue of W. J. and Mary A. E. Hardison was born Dec. 25, 1872 and died  
January 18, 1873  
Pattie Irene, 10th issue of W. J. and Mary A. E. Hardison was born Sept. 28, 1874  
Edmond Hanse, 11th issue of W. J. and Mary A. E. Hardison was born Oct. 18, 1877

Marriages, When and Where — Deaths, When and Where:

Wm. J. Hardison and Mary A. E. Andrews were married Sept. 27, 1855 by F. W. Moore Esq.  
Mary A. E. Andrews was born the 18th day of December, 1837  
W. J. Hardison died July 6, 1908  
J. B. Hardison died Thurs., Apr. 13, 1916 of Brights Disease  
Otis Andrews departed this life February 17, 1857  
John B. Andrews departed this life 27th June, 1864 at Petersburg, Va. of wounds  
Tallulu V. Hardison departed this life July 18, 1864  
Sam'l. S. W. Andrews died near Rock Fish Creek by fall of a tree March 4, 1865  
Mary Bet, sixth issue of W. J. and Mary A. E. Hardison died Sept. 11, 1868  
James Church, seventh issue of W. J. and M. A. E. H. died Sept. 11, 1870  
Mary A. E. Hardison died April 29, 1887  
H. C. Hardison died Mar. 8, 1892



**THE JAMES SMITH BIBLE**

Transcribed by Roger Kammerer from a xeroxed copy of the original Bible pages found in the  
Ephriam H. Smith Papers, East Carolina University Manuscript Collection #145.1.e, J. Y. Joyner  
Library.

Marriages

James Smith and Charity Putnell his wife was-married. August 29th. A.D. — 1793  
Caleb Smith & Lany. Gardner his- wife was-married September. 1st A.D. 1824  
Caleb Smith & Elizabeth Braxton was married February. 14th A.D. 1858.  
Caleb P. Smith and Maggie Stokes his wife was married. Oct. the 26 1892

Deaths

James Smith Departed this life October 30st A.D. 1836.  
Mary Smith Daughter of James Smith Departed this life. December 11th A.D. 1818  
Martha Smith Daughter of James Smith Departed this life. October 9th A.D. 1836  
Laney Smith wife of Caleb Smith Departed this life Oct. 10th 1856





Charith Smith wife of James Smith Departed this life Feby 25th 1862  
Caleb Smith Son of James Smith Departed this life January the 10 ~~May~~ A.D. 1874  
Lonnie Laster son of Caleb P. Smith departed this life Oct. 9 — 1908  
Infant daughter of Caleb P. Smith Departed this life Aug.

### Births

James Smith the Son of Harry was born in March. 15th A.D. 1770.  
Charity Putnell wife of James Smith and daughter of Joshua Putnell- was born 7th of December.  
A.D. 1776  
Caleb Smith Son of James-Smith was born September. 15th A.D. 1794  
Joshua Smith Son of James-Smith was-born ~~October-21~~ December. 1st 1795  
Mary Smith Daughter of James Smith was born October. 12st A.D. 1797.  
Martha Smith Daughter of James Smith-was-born September 25th A.D. 1799  
Sarah Smith Daughter of James Smith was born-December 25th A.D. 1801 —  
James W. Smith Son of Caleb-Smith was born January 10th A.D. 1859  
Caleb P. Smith Son of Caleb. Smith was born June 2st A.D 1861  
Parmelia Ann Smith dughter of Caleb. Smith was. born March 8th A D. 1864  
Harvey E. Smith son of Caleb P. Smith was borned Augt. 15. 1893  
Lonie L. Smith son of Caleb P. Smith Was borned Oct. 18th 1894  
Marvin. W. smith son of Caleb P. Smith was borned May 16th 189\_\_  
Alma E. Smith Daughter of Caleb P. Smith Was borned June 7th 1898  
Clara B. Smith Daughter of Caleb P. Smith Was borned March 16th 1900  
Esther M. Smith Daughter of Caleb P. Smith Was borned Sept 22t 1908  
Huldah Smith Daughter of Caleb P Smith was borned Dec. 4th 1910

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## WILL OF THOMAS GORHAM, 1812

Located in the Grimes Family Papers, Collection #3357, folder #149, Southern Historical Collection,  
UNC Chapel Hill. Contributed by Roger Kammerer. [A copy]



No Carolina                      In the name of God Amen  
Pitt County                      I Thomas GORHAM of the County and State above named, being at this time  
of perfect Sound mind and disposing memory thanks be to God for the Same tho somewhat af-  
flicted in body Call into mind the uncertainty of life, and knowing that all mortals must die I do  
make Constitute and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in the manner following  
first My Soul I consign to God who give it me in humble hopes of his mercies and my body to the  
Earth from whence it came to be there intered in the usual decent manner at my place My execu-  
tors and friends may select what worldley goods or Estate it hath been pleased or endowed me with  
I dispose of in the following manner ~~namely~~ Viz all my Just debts I wish to be paid as speedily as  
possible out of Such of my estate as my executor may find most convenient the rest and residue of  
my estate both real and personal namely My undivided interest in the estate of my deceased Father  
the late James GORHAM an Similar interest in the estate of my deceased brother William GORHAM  
nine negroes viz. Betty, Philip, nicey, Jesse, Moses, Elizer, & Loui, Pompey & Ben, these togeather  
with every other species of Property with which I may die possessed or entitled to, I give & be-  
queath unto my beloved Brother Franklin GORHAM to him his heirs and assigns forever I do hereby  
appoint my said Brother Franklin GORHAM Executor to this my last will and Testament revoking at  
the same time all other wills by me heretofore made In witness whereof I hereunto Set my hand and  
Seal the 8th day February 1812  
Signed & acknowledged  
in presence of

D DUVAL J\_ [Jr?]  
George KNOX

Tho's. GORHAM                      {Seal}



# WILL OF WILLIAM JONES, 1776

Located in the Grimes Family Papers, Collection #3357, folder #151, Southern Historical Collection, UNC Chapel Hill. Contributed by Roger Kammerer. [A copy]



In the Name of God Amen I William JONE of Pitt County in the province of North Carolina being at this time of Sound Mind & Memory God be praised but in Weak & Low State of health do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament my Soul I Recommend into the hands of God through the merits of Christ my Savior & Redeamor and My Body to be buried in a deacent Mannor.

Item I Lend unto my beloved Wife Ufan JONES The use of my Plantation that I now live on (with the priviledge to Cut any Timber on the land for the use and Service of Said Plantation) during her Natural life I Likewise lend unto my Said wife during her natural life the Labour of the following negroes Sam Prince & Cain also all my household furniture Stock of Horses Cattle & Sheep & Hoggs Except my two Young Horses and after her decease my will and desire is that the Said Negroes except the first Child that Crease may Have also the Household furniture and Stock aforesaid be Divided among my Children or the Lawfull Heirs of their Bodys in the following manner that is to Say unto my Son Ambrose Two Equal Shares my Son William one Equal Share my Daughter Fanney one Equal Share and my Daughter Zelotis the other Equal Share

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Ambrose JONES a Tract of land Lying on Chocowinity which fell to be at the decease fo my brother Ambrose Jones to him his heirs and assigns forever also my negroes Joe Boy & Jane a girl

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William JONES the Land and Plantation I now live on to him his heirs and assigns forever the Plantation he is not possess untill his mothers Decease nor to prevent her from Cutting any Timber on Said Land for the use of Said Plantation I also give unto my Said Son William my negroes Boy Bob & Girl Amey

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Fanney JONES my negroes Rosh Moses & Rose but in Case my Said Daughter Fanney should dye before she arrives to the age of Eighteen Years or the day of her marriage then in that Case my will & Desire is that the Said negroes Girl Rose shall go to my Daughter Zelotis & the two Negro Boyes be Equally divided among all my Children

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Zelotis my negroes Aron & Cane and the first Child that Crease has My Will & Desire is that my Executors sell my two Young Horses for the benefit of my Estate

Lastly I do hereby appoint my friend Allen SUGG Joel SUGG George SUGG and Edward SALTER my Executors to this my Last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Settmy hand & Seal this 30th day of October Anno Dom 1776

Signed Sealed &

acknowledged

in presence of

James ARMSTRONG

Henry JONES

William JONES

State of North Carolina Pitt County

I Alexander EVANS Clerk of the County Court of Pitt do hereby Certify this to be a true copy of the Last will and testament of Wm. JONES, dec'd given under my hand at office in Greenville this 6th of March 1821

Geo. EVANS for Alexander EVANS Clk

## PERSONALS

(*Eastern Reflector*, Sept. 23, 1891)

The wife of Mr. James DAVENPORT, of Hamilton, is quite ill with fever. She is a daughter of Elder Sam MOORE, of Pitt County.





# WILL OF JAMES JONES, 1776

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In the Name of God Amen — I James JONES of County of Pitt in Province of North Carolina planter Being at this time Weak of Body but of Sound and Disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the Same yet Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following

First I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for Salvation through the Merits and Mediation of Christ my Redeemer and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian manner first I desire that my Just Debts may be paid as soon as it can Conveniently be done Item I Lend unto my Dearly Beloved Wife Rachel JONES During her Natural Life my plantation whereon I now Live. I Likewise Lend unto my Said Wife Rachel JONES all my personal Estate She keeping it together and Improving it in the Best manner She can for the Benefit of my Children Giving them Support and as Good Education as Conveniently can be done—

My Will and Desire is that my plantation and Land in Chicod neck may by my Executors Rented out untill my youngest Child then Living arive to Lawfull age then to be Sold by Executors at Vendue on one twelve month Credit, and the money Arising therefrom and the Rent thereof to be Equally Divided Between My Children then Living that is to say my Daughters Nancy and Elizabeth JONES and Sons James and Henry JONES and the Child that my Wife now Bears Share and Share alike amongst them or the Survivors of them or their heirs or assigns

It is my further Will and Desire that my plantation and Land Belonging thereto which I have Lent unto my Wife at her decease be Sold as above and Likewise all my personal Estate, and to be Equally Divided amongst my Children as above mentioned and Likewise my Lands in the Horn Neck, but in Case my Wife Should die before my Children arives to full Age, then and in that Case the Land plantation to be Rented out for the Benefit of my Children untill they are of age and then Sold and Divided as above mentioned—

and Lastly I do Hereby Constitute and appoint my friends John WATKINS and Edward SALTER Executors of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have herein to Set my hand & Seal this Seventh Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six

Signed Sealed & acknowledged  
in presence of—  
William JONES  
Anne WATKINS  
Edward SALTER

James JONES {Seal}

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## STOP THE VILLAINS. (*NC Star*, Oct. 8, 1819)

"Escaped from the jail in Tarborough on hei [the] night of the 22nd inst. William B CRAWFORD, a notorious counterfeiter, between sixty and seventy years of age, about six feet high, his head white. — Also John M. WINDHAM about thirty years of age, five feet seven or eight inches high, with an uncommon long face and chin, his fore teeth very long and prominent. This villain was imprisoned at the last sp\_\_\_ [faded] term of the Superior Court of Edgecombe to eighteen months imprisonment, for stealing free negroes of colour—. Those same culprits broke and made their escape from the jail on the night of the 7th of July, last, and was apprehended and committed to Newbern jail where I found them. I will give fifty dollars reward for their apprehension and delivery in this."

—Benjamin HART, Jailer: September 24, 1819





# PITT COUNTY TAX LIST, 1818

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## *A List of Taxables in Capt. Bucks District for 1818*

	White Polls	Black Polls	No. of acres of land	Valuation of land			
William Adams Jun'r.	1	2	100	300			
Do. for the Heirs of Edw'd. Dixon			75	400			
James Albritton	1						
Allen Adams	1		150	225			
William Adams sen'r		4	510	1.020			
Caswell Armstrong	1	7	500	2.505			
Thomas Armstrong given in by Caswell Armstrong			450	1.500			
John Boyd		5	600	800			
Elizabeth Boyd			100	400			
William Boyd		2	450	1.000			
Benjamin Buck		2	750	1.500			
Hosea Buck	1	1	325	700			
James Buck	1		224	448			
John Buck	1	1	85	150			
Robert Boyd		3	150	1.250			
William Bright	1	2	300	700			
Hunter Buck			330	3.300			
Noah Buck	1		185	370			
Frederick Buck	1						
John Campbell	1		65	150			
Richard Campbell	1		65	130			
Arihibald Campbell	1		137	92			
Jesse Jones	<del>1</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>138 1/2</del>	<del>414</del>			
Nehemiah Dixon			72	72			
Robert Dixon	1	2	422	500			
John Edwards			250	500			
James Edwards	1						
William Edwards			320	640			
William Elks Jun'r.	1		245	980			
William Elks sen'r		6	895	2.520			
Do. for the Heirs of Jno. Allen			266 1/2	1.064			
Samuel Elks			458	600			
Uriah Elks		2	562	800			
John Gladson	1						
William Grace	1	2	300	1.000			
Ann Grimes		6	413	4.000			
Bryan Grimes	1	15	1.350	6.500			
Jesse Huston	1						
Jesse Jones	1	2	138 1/2	414			
Allen Jones	1	6	350	1.750			
	22	70	11.593	38.275			

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	White Polls	Black Polls	No. of acres of land	Valuation of land			
Amt. brot froward:	22	70	11.593	38.275			
William Little			70	200			
John Laughinghouse	3		631	1.893			
Edward Laughinghouse	1	2	236	826			
Foreman McDouell	1	2	50	200			
Henry Moore	1		49	90			
Naboth Nelson	1	1	400	1.270			
Martin Nelson			412	1.250			
John Nelson			108	540			
Giles Nelson		2	200	400			
Caleb Nelson	1						
Nimrod Nelson	1	1	300	600			
Jordan Nelson	1	6	700	1.700			
Louisa Smith			100	200			
John Stephens			110	220			
James Shivers	1		538	1.342			
Elias Taft	1	4	600	1.200			
Arnold Taft	1						
Reubin Tucker			70	140			
Wright Tucker		4	500	800			
John Watkins Heirs							
given in by N. Nelson			488	920			
Richard Withrington	1		350	450			
	36	92	17.505.	52.516			

Witnessed by Bryan Grimes, Esqr.  
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## PITT COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS

From originals in the Ephraigm H. Smith Collection #145, East Carolina University Manuscript Collection, Joyner Library, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.



State of North Carolina, Pitt County.

To any Regular Licensed Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace

For the County Aforesaid — *Greeting.*

Whereas, John YEWBANKS hath entered into Bond, in the Clerk's Office of the county aforesaid, that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a Marriage intended to be solemnized between him and Arena CARRELL of said county: These are therefore to authorize and empower you, or any of you, if there be no lawful obstruction, to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Marriage between the said John YEWBANKS and Arena CARRELL and join them together as Man and Wife, in Holy Matrimony.

Witness, Archibald PARKER, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Pitt County, at office the 2 day of Jan'y A.D. 1845.

Archibald PARKER Clk

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County.

To any Regular Licensed Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace  
For the County Aforesaid — *Greeting.*

Whereas, Simon MILLS hath entered into Bond, in the Clerk's Office of the county aforesaid, that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a Marriage intended to be solemnized between him and Nancy WILLIAMS of said county: These are therefore to authorize and empower you, or any of you, if there be no lawful obstruction, to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Marriage between the said Simon MILLS and Nancy WILLIAMS and join them together as Man and Wife, in Holy Matrimony. Witness, William D. MOYE, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Pitt County, at office the 27th day of March A.D. 1848.

W. D. Moyer Clerk.  
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State of North Carolina, Pitt County.

To any Regular Licensed Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace  
For the County Aforesaid — *Greeting.*

Whereas, Fred'k. CAUSEWAY hath entered into Bond, in the Clerk's Office of the county aforesaid, that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a Marriage intended to be solemnized between him and Salley KITE of said county: These are therefore to authorize and empower you, or any of you, if there be no lawful obstruction, to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Marriage between the said Fred'k. CAUSEWAY and Salley KITE and join them together as Man and Wife, in Holy Matrimony. Witness, William D. MOYE, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Pitt County, at office the 13th day of May A.D. 1848.

William D. Moyer Clerk.  
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State of North Carolina, Pitt County.

To any regular Minister of the Gospel having the Cure of Souls. of whatever  
Denomination, or Justice of the Peace, of said County.

You, or any of you, are hereby licensed and authorized to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between Edmund EVANS  
and Emiline WILLIAMS

of said County, and join them together as Man and Wife.

Witness, H. SHEPPARD, Clerk of Pitt County Court, the 20th day of Sept in the 76th year of American Independence, Anno Domini 1852.

H. SHEPPARD—Clerk  
By J. C. ALBRITTON D.C.  
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State of North Carolina, Pitt County.

To any regular Minister of the Gospel having the Cure of Souls. of whatever  
Denomination, or Justice of the Peace, of said County.

You, or any of you, are hereby licensed and authorized to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between William MILLS  
and Martha Jane WILLIAMS

of said County, and join them together as Man and Wife.

Witness, H. SHEPPARD, Clerk of Pitt County Court, the 2nd day of Oct in the 77 year of American Independence, Anno Domini 1852.

H. SHEPPARD—Clerk  
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State of North Carolina, Pitt County.

To any regular Minister of the Gospel having the Cure of Souls. of whatever  
Denomination, or Justice of the Peace, of said County.

You, or any of you, are hereby licensed and authorized to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between William Stanly TISON  
and Winefred MILLS

of said County, and join them together as Man and Wife.

Witness, H. SHEPPARD, Clerk of Pitt County Court, the 24th day of May in the 77th year of American Independence, Anno Domini 1853.

H. SHEPPARD—Clerk  
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# QUERIES

Any info. on Monroe T. YANCY/YANCEY, b. ca. 1828; d. July 2, 1862, Montgomery, AL. Married Nancy Permelia WESTMORELAND, b. Mar. 12, 1830, d. Jan. 15, 1913, Lafayette Co., MS.  
—Helen D. DOTTS; 7501 Palm Ave. #127; Yucca Valley, CA 92284-3652.

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DUPREE, Furnifold (Furney), appears in 1840 census of Lenoir Co., b. ca. 1825—who were his parents? Married Theresa \_\_\_\_\_?; children: Jese, Furney, Eveline, James, Ava A., William & Delethia.

—Sloan S. MASON; 125 Durham Dr.; Fayetteville, GA 30214 (770-460-8615). E-mail GLSG91A@prodigy.com.

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Looking for any connection to Hugh PUGH, b. ca. 1711, lived in Swift Creek, Pitt Co., NC. He m. Elizabeth BRYAN, b. ca. 1737. They had son Stephen PUGH, b. 1765, Swift Creek, Pitt Co., d. ca. 1834 in Pitt. His wife unknown; had a daughter Sarah (Sally) PUGH, b. 1795 who m. William MUMFORD. Where did Hugh PUGH come from? Who were his parents?

—Gary and Joanne MUMFORD HILL; 944 E. Broadway; Cushing, OK 74023-3538 (918-225-1410).

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Perquimans Co., NC: Joseph SUTTON, Jr., and wife Bennett (STEPNEY) SUTTON had 9 children. I have dates of birth for Hannah, John, Sarah, and Bennett Sutton. Need dates for Joseph, Elizabeth, Christopher, George, and Mary.

—Elsie M. DAVID; 3665 D. ST. NE. Apt. A; Salem, OR 97301-2952 (503-585-5780).

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Seeking any info. on Henry KITE, Rev. War Soldier, and his son David. Was in Pitt Co., NC, area around 1790s. Both moved to GA. Henry had wife Sarah (?). David was married to Holly (?).

—Mrs. Judy M. WEBB; 11261 Longley Rd.; Iowa Park, TX 76367 (817-438-2878).

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Looking for info. on Francis MEEKS, Sr., b. 1730, m. in Pitt Co., NC, about 1755 to Miss Darcus \_\_\_\_\_ MEEKS. They had child Brittain MEEKS, b. Nov. 18, 1763 in Pitt Co. Would like to know more of his spouse, Darcus \_\_\_\_\_ MEEKS, and her family.

—Jeanne HARDEN; 592 Alandale Dr.; Tallmadge, OH 44278-1412 (330-630-2306).

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William J. RODGERS, b. Dec. 22, 1857, d. Sept. 14, 1923 supposedly, in Craven Co., NC; md. to Ithan Ann PHILLIPS, b. Dec. 25, 1864. Think his parents were Wiley and Emily RODGERS of Wayne Co., NC, but haven't the proof.

—Darrell ROGERS; 340 Cooper Road; Bayboro, NC 28515 (919-745-4736).

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Seeking info. on Charles Washington CRAWFORD, b. 1801, d. 1872.

—Ann McWILLIAMS CAYTON; 691 Oak Bay Rd.; Aurora, NC 27806 (919-322-5251).

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Seeking info. on John Vines JOHNSTON, Sr., b. May 26, 1822, d. Mar. 3, 1881, md. Jan. 8, 1856 to Susan Jane RINGGOLD, b. May 8, 1837, d. Nov. 14, 1882. They are buried in the JOHNSTON family cemetery near Falkland, Pitt Co.

—Janie M. JOHNSTON; 303 Grimmersburg St.; Farmville, NC 27828-1427.

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Seek descendants of Rigney MURPHY, ca. 1830s, Guilford MURPHY, Wm. Spencer MURPHY, Wm. Blount MURPHY, Jethro MURPHY, John MURPHY, Jr., and Gale MURPHY.

—J. A. L. MILLER, Jr.; 2810-K Carriage Drive; Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328 (910-723-0500)

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What is marriage date of James Henry EVANS and Mary V. EVERETT? James, b. Feb. 15, 1821, d. Oct. 7, 1894, Pitt Co. Mary was b. Aug. 21, 1851, d. May 26, 1925 in Pitt Co.

—Shirleyan Beacham PHELPS; 5806 NC Hwy 32 South; Plymouth, NC 27962 9732 (919-793-5236).

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Seeking info. on Salety/Selecty SMITH, wife of James B. COWARD. Born 1827, d. 1892. Would like name of parents and names of possible siblings.

—Gene COWARD; 5706 Kedleston Ave.; Richmond, VA 23234-4739 (804-271-0923).

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Hugh BASDEN, b. ca. 1705, d. ca. 1777 in Onslow Co., NC, md. Patience WILLIAMS. Children: Josiah, Jesse, Cordel, Holland. Looking for roots in Isle of Wight Co., VA; Charleston, SC; Barbados, Bermuda.

Kenneth Hill BRINSON; 284 Shoreline Drive; New Bern, NC 28562-9519 (919-636-2038).

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Request info. on Riley POWELL, b. 1908, d. 1889, m. Penelope WHITFIELD and then Polly PAUL.

—Arlene F. WILLS; 111a Manchester Drive; Raleigh, ND 27609-5155 (919-781-3625).

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Jane CAUSEY (CAUSEWAY), widow, was living in St. George Parish (now Horry Co., SC) in 1790. Need to find her husband's name.

—James C. CAUSEY; 1407 Cox Ferry Road; Conway, SC 29528 (803-347-3352).

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Any information about Shadrack JACKSON (b. 1778, d. 1858), buried in the Jackson Cemetery in Pitt Co., NC. Need first wife's name, birth, death, where buried.

—Anne KINKER; 1930 Camborne Rd.; Richmond, VA 23236-2125 (804-745-0615).

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Need information on Joyner SPAIN, b. in 1810 in Pitt Co.? He cohabitated with a slave, Mahala TEEL, and produced Johnson TEEL.

—Oscar D. TEEL; 17870 Frondoso Dr.; San Diego, CA 92128-1319.

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Need parents of Robert Young HUDSON, b. 1879 Rockford, Surry Co., NC, md. Gertrude BRILEY, dau. of Wiley BRILEY and Frances DAVENPORT of Greenville, NC, and later of Halifax Co., NC.

—Bea HUDSON; 138 Glenwood Rd.; Hampton, VA 23660-1824 (757-851-2681) e-mail: SLOWM@AOL.COM.

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On the junction of state road 1726 and Hwy 33 there was a graveyard with Absley, Thomas and Sammie MILLS. I cannot find this cemetery.

—Mark MILLS; 126 Oak Hill Loop; Cary, NC 27513 (919-677-0558)

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Seeking information on Joseph HOUSE who d. between 1816 and 1820 in Greene Co., NC. Married 1st Nancy BRIGHT who d. ca. 1802; 2nd Mary \_\_\_\_\_? Children were 1. Thomas md. Louisa

MURPH[RE]Y; 2. Francis unmarried; 3. James; 4. Sarah md. CROOM; 5. Nancy md. Spias/Spyers MURPH[RE]Y; 6. Susannah md. 1st DIXON and 2nd BROWN; and 7. daughter, name unknown.

—Bill MURPHY; Route 6, Box 237; Tarboro, NC 27886 (919-823-8466).

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## DIED.

(*Daily Reflector*, Mar. 8, 1909, Mon.)

Mr. Joshua W. SMITH, aged 68 years, died Friday afternoon at his home in Chicod township. He had been in apparent good health and his death was sudden. Friday morning he worked on his farm as usual, went to the house at noon and ate a hearty dinner and lay down for a nap while waiting for his team to eat before returning to work. Some of the family going later to wake him up found him dead. Mr. Smith was a good citizen and leaves two sons and two daughters.





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# CONFEDERATE REUNION ROLL CALL

The following is an article about a Confederate Reunion held in Greenville, NC as reported in *King's Weekly*, September 13, 1895, and reprinted here in full.



## CONFEDERATE RE-UNION

The Re-Union held last week here was the largest yet held. It was the re-union of BRYAN-GRIMES CAMP of Pitt County Confederate Veterans, and more than 100 veterans attended. No speaker was obtained, so there were short talks by several. Mr. E. A. MOYE, Commander, and Mr. John BRANDT, of Greene county, a veteran of the Mexican as well as the Confederate war, did most speaking. Mr. BRANDT was overcome with emotion at seeing so many of his old comrades in arms, and broke down before finishing. Mr. Ruel WILLOUGHBY had charge of the table and none better could have been had. He had everything just right. No one went away hungry. It was a large gathering and a most pleasant meeting, and various recitals of war times were the order of the day. Messrs. E. A. MOYE, Commander, and R. F. SUGG, Adjutant, were unanimously re-elected. The next re-union will be held at some place on the 2d Friday in November, 1896. Messrs. F. WARD, T. A. NICHOLS, J. R. CONGLETON, J. H. SMITH and \_\_\_\_\_ were elected as the Executive committee.

Roll of Members of Bryan Grimes Camp of Pitt County Confederate Veterans Present at Annual Re-Union September 5th, 1895.

The following is the roll of members of the above Camp, who attended the Annual Re-Union, held here in the College Grove, on September 5th, 1895, viz.

R. M. STARKEY, Co. D, 57th Va regiment.

W. G. WINDHAM, Co. A, 5th Florida State troops.

1st Regiment, North Carolina Troops, Co. A—John S. HARRIS; Co. E—H. R. ROBERSON

2nd Regiment, Co. A—W. G. CASE, W. L. STOCKS, J. T. LACY, W. H. TRIPP; Co. F—J. C.

WETHERINGTON; Co. G—H. H. MURPHY, J. A. ROBERSON; Co. H—H. F. HARRIS, I. M. WINDHAM, A. J. CORBETT.

3rd Regiment, Co. E—Bennett DUNN; Co. I—E. P. DANIEL

4th Regiment, Co. E—G. W. MEARES

7th Regiment, Co. H—J. J. TUCKER; Co. F—J. H. LANGLEY; Co. I—G. W. JONES.

8th Regiment, Co. G—Jesse WILSON, Benjamin WORTHINGTON, Gray HARRIS, L. C. MOORE, E.

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10th Regiment, Co. H—J. E. BROWN, W. H. BRILEY

17th Regiment, Co. K—W. L. BRILEY, G. W. HARDEE, Travis BAKER, W. H. MAY, F. WARD, Osmund FLEMING.

21st Regiment, Co. G—A. C. NOBLES.

27th Regiment, Co. E—R. H. PARKER, A. J. BAKER, John A. LANG, Silas NICHOLS, J. W. BROWN, D. L. CRAWFORD; Co. H—J. E. RANDOLPH, E. A. MAYO, I. H. LITTLE, Wiley BULLOCK, James HARRINGTON, W. H. PARKER, W. J. SUMMERELL, Samuel MOORE.

30th Regiment, Co. F—D. C. CORBETT

31st Regiment, Co. B—A. S. WALKER

33rd Regiment, Co. B—R. M. JONES, J. H. BRYANT, F. L. BROWN.

36th Regiment, Co. F—J. J. FLEMING





40th Regiment, Co. A—A. D. HILL; Co. B—B. F. SUGG; Co. C—J. M. WALKER, Richard CRAFT; Co. I—T. A. NICHOLS, Taylor HARRIS.

41st Regiment, Co. K—S. L. WHITLEY

43rd Regiment, Co. E—W. H. WILKERSON, H. W. DUNN.

44th Regiment, Co. B—Edmond FLEMING; Co. C—Stanly HARRIS, Wm. LETCHWORTH, T. E. RANDOLPH; Co. D—J. H. H. MOORE, L. F. FLEMING, Alfred LEGETT; Co. I—Tillman STOCKS, James TURNAGE.

47th Regiment, Co. F—R. P. SUGG

55th Regiment, Co. E—Benjamin TEEL, C. A. RANDOLPH, W. H. GURGANUS, K. H. FLEMING, J. H. WOOLARD, J. W. CARSON.

61st Regiment, Co. F—Major, Henry HARDING, J. R. PEADEN; Co. H—S. H. BROWN.

67th Regiment, Co. A—W. J. BUNDY; Co. D—Zack ALLEN, J. B. ALLEN; Co. E—J. H. GRAY, Alfred WETHERINGTON, J. A. EDWARDS; Co. G—R. B. PARKER, L. P. BEARDSLEY, Calvin JONES; Co. I—Wm. CORY, Wm. HARRIS, Joel TYSON; Co. K—Augustus FORBES, Joab HEMBY.

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J. L. MOORE, Co. I, 3rd Reg., cavalry

A. L. BLOW, Co. K, 67th Reg., cavalry

Died since last Re-union—George MOYE, Sen. Res.; Wells B. MORGAN, Co. E, 43rd Regiment; J. L. W. NOBLES, Co. C, 66th Regiment.

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## THE CASE OF DINAH TAFT

The following deposition concerns Dinah TAFT's case in getting her husband's pension for service in the Union Army. From the Henry T. KING Collection, #625, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University.



State of North Carolina  
Pitt County

James BELL being duly sworn deposes and says that he knows Dinah TAFT. That she was a slave of Bryan HARDEE. That upon his death, she became the slave of his son Joseph HARDEE, a minor. That William Martin NELSON became guardian for Joseph HARDEE; that Dina first had a slave marriage (not legal) with Fred VENTERS, but was later married to Noah TAFT, by the William Martin NELSON, who was a Justice of the Peace and legally authorized to perform the marriage ceremony. This marriage was sometime about the second year of the war of 1861-5. That some time thereafter Noah TAFT ran away and became a soldier in the Federal Army and never returned home.

James [his mark] BELL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May 1909  
Henry T. KING, US Commissioner for the Eastern District of North Carolina

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A series of miscellaneous newspaper articles relative to local Civil War veterans or their families, compiled by Roger Kammerer.



## READY TO SERVE AGAIN

Mr. Bryan BUCK, of Swift Creek township, a Confederate soldier who lost his right fore arm in the civil war, was in town today and dropped in the Reflector office to learn the situation in the present disturbance between the United States and Spain. He says that the war spirit is just as strong in him as it was thirty-five years ago and he is as ready to fight now for the Confederacy. He says he is going to make up a company and lead them in battle. (*Eastern Reflector*, April 22, 1898)

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## PITT GETS IN

D. H. JAMES, of Pitt County, was elected assistant door-keeper of the house of representatives. Mr. JAMES is a one-legged Confederate soldier and his election is a worthy one. (*Eastern Reflector*, January 10, 1905)

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## FIRST AND YOUNGEST

As some of the veterans at the reunion Tuesday were talking over incidents of the war, it was learned that Justice C. D. ROUNTREE was the first in Pitt county to enlist in the service of the Confederacy, and Senator A. L. BLOW was the youngest Pitt Countian to enlist. (*Daily Reflector*, May 11, 1904)

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## BEAVER DAM ITEMS . . .

Titus ELKS, an old soldier, aged 77 years and a member of the 44th Reg., and was in many a hard fought battle, is very sick.

Old man Arnold BALDREE, another soldier of LEE, is spending some time with his son near Ballards. May "Uncle Arnold" be with us a long time. He is a good and honest man and is nearing his four score years.

Mrs. Lucinda WAINRIGHT, a pension widow aged 72 years, is sick with heart disease. She is a good, hard working woman. Her husband, Jim WAINRIGHT, fell in defense of his country. She put her own hands to the plow and raised a large family. When young she was a strong woman, but that strong heart is soon to beat no more. (*Daily Reflector*, February 16, 1904)

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## WINTERVILLE ITEMS . . .

John CANNON, an old Confederate soldier, on of the very first to put on armor, was a visitor at the home of J. A. HARRINGTON Wednesday. And another most excellent qualification in his make-up he has been a Democrat from baby-hood up. (*Daily Reflector*, June 16, 1905)

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## TWO OLD VETERANS

Both Past Four Score Years but yet Hearty

The *Reflector* today had a call from two aged Confederate veterans, who are among the oldest living soldiers in the county. They were Messers Jesse VINCENT and Reuben KINSAUL, both of Beaver Dam township. Mr. VINCENT is now in his 84th year and was a member of the 8th North Carolina regiment under Col. E. C. YELLOWLEY, and fought through the entire four years of the civil war. Mr. KINSAUL is in his 83rd year and was a member of the 44th North Carolina regiment under Col. George B. SINGELTARY, and was in the war three-and-a-half years. Both of these veterans are remarkably well preserved for their advanced years. (*Daily Reflector*, December 16, 1910)

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## AYDEN ITEMS . . .

Mr. Henry DAVID, an old Confederate Soldier, is very sick at his home near Mr. Burt HEATH's. We hope the good people who have been more fortunate than this poor old man, will see





that he and his aged wife will not be neglected. She followed the plow while he followed General LEE during the Civil War. We hope this will be remembered by those who had something at stake. (*Daily Reflector*, January 7, 1911)

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#### WHO WERE THEY?

Our esteemed townsman Capt. H. F. PRICE, the noted civil engineer in conversation with the [Goldsboro] *Argus* man, last Saturday, remarked, incident to the day being the anniversary of LEE's surrender, that out of 148 of the "Pitt Volunteers" who went in at the beginning of the war, of which he was one, only 6 survived to witness the fateful scene at Appomattox. (*King's Weekly*, April 22, 1898)

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#### AGED NEIGHBORS

Messers J. F. WHICHARD, Simon E. NOBLES and Jesse BARNHILL formed an interesting group on our streets last Saturday. They are aged respectively 67 1/2, 74 and 73 years. They are from Carolina township where they have lived within one and one quarter miles of each other for forty years or more. They are all the best of citizens, Confederate veterans and sound old time Democrats, with apparently still a long lease of life. (*King's Weekly*, March 1, 1895)

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#### KINSTON ITEMS . . .

In May 1864, Mr. Warren McGLAWHORN of Pitt county, near Edward's Bridge, in Greene county, while on his way home from Point Lookout prison, was thrown from a cart, sustaining a dislocation of his hip from which he never recovered until a few weeks ago, eighteen years after the accident. He was walking along the road when to his surprise the hip sprung back in its proper place and he is now once more happy. (*New Bern Daily Journal*, June 30, 1882)

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#### [UNTITLED]

Dan THOMAS, only Confederate to plant a flag on the enemy's works at Gettysburg, who afterwards lived and died in Pitt County. (*King's Weekly*, May 10, 1895)

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#### WINTERVILLE ITEMS . . .

Calvin MILLS, of near Black Jack, was here Wednesday making arrangements to place his daughter in school here. He is an old Confederate soldier and fought valiantly in several of the fiercest battles of the war. Mr. MILLS has an excellent memory and can vividly portray the scenes of those dark bloody days. He has also been a great bear hunter and has had many narrow escapes from Master BRUIN as well as from the Yankees. (*Daily Reflector*, August 26, 1905)

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#### THE *Newbern Republican* IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

"A man named Edward BROWN of Pitt county fled to the swamps during the late war to avoid the draft has been lately discovered living a hermit life in a den and settlement of his own in a dense thicket near the bank of the river. When first discovered he fled to his hiding place, upon being pursued he showed fight, but finally surrendered, and insisted upon refusing to go in the army. Upon being informed the war was ended about six years ago, he concluded to abandon his hiding place and return to the old plantation where he found many changes since the commencement of the rebellion. His only clothing was made from the skins of coons and other animals which he has captured during the time, having seen no one with whom to converse during about eight years. He has nearly lost the control of language except a few profane words. His father and mother have both died during the past year. (*Tarboro Southerner*, June 29, 1871)

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#### MORMON CUSTOMS

Oakley, N.C. Dec. 18, 1899

To the Editor of the Reflector,

As I have recently noticed a spirit of inquiry existing in many of the leading journals of the country, concerning the theory and practice of Mormonism, I will write a few facts that have come under my observation. I stayed in the town of Mount Carmel, Utah, about three months in 1881. It



contained about five hundred inhabitants, all of whom were members of the Mormon church. They marry by revelation. If a member makes known to the church that it is revealed to him that he must wed a certain woman, they make preparation to have the ceremony performed regardless of the wishes of the woman. She is taken to the baptismal font in the temple, where the priest washes her in clean water and anoints her with oil, praying that she may be faithful in bringing forth Saints for Zion. Then they are pronounced man and wife for eternity. One chief point of their doctrine is the laying on of hands and anointing with oil for the healing of the sick. They also claim to raise the dead. My authority is Bishop JOLLY, whose house I made my home while in Utah. He was a relative of mine and we were very intimate. Bishop Jolly had three wives. For instance he stayed with wife number one during the day, at night with wife number two, and third night with wife number three. The Bishop was considered one of the leading spirits of the Mormon church. I left a wife and six children in North Carolina and of course did not partake of their ways. I am sixty years old and belonged to the 3rd Confederate Infantry in the civil war. I served four years. My Colonel was MARMADUKE from Missouri. I give as reference to my standing as a citizen, Sheriff of Pitt county, G. M. MOORING, Clerk of Superior court, D. C. MOORE, Ex-Gov. T. J. JARVIS, or any leading citizen of Pitt county. —Yours truly, J. B. WHITEHURST (Eastern Reflector, December 22, 1899)

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#### PITT COUNTY MAN SUPPOSED TO HAVE DIED IN WAR, FOUND

Green MANNING, Who Was Reported Dead Shortly After Enlisting in Confederate Army, Alive

Green MANNING, former Pitt county man supposed to have died of illness shortly after enlisting in the Confederate army in 1861 has come to life, and information received by Alfred MANNING, a brother of the Littlefield section, says he is living in Trintland county, Georgia, and enjoying the best of health on his little farm in that district. The information of his whereabouts came as a great surprise to relatives, as a statement issued by Confederate headquarters at Richmond during the Civil war stated that he had died of pneumonia about eight months after his enlistment.

In the letter to his brother, Mr. MANNING said he had made repeated efforts to get in touch with his relatives since the war, but never met with any success. He gave a detailed account of his life after enlisting with Captain WHITE who was in command of State troops as they passed through Ballard's cross roads, this county, bound for scene of battle. He remained in service eight months when he was captured by the Yankees and placed in a Federal prison at Point Lookout, Va.

After the war ended he was released from long confinement in prison and found his way to Georgia. He worked there for many years, during which time he was married. In later years a small farm was acquired out of his hard earnings, where he has remained until the present time. Twelve children bless the union, ten of whom are still living.

Mr. MANNING was about 17 years of age when he enlisted for service in the Confederate army and is 77 today. He has numbers of relatives living in the Littlefield district and Ballard's cross roads. All are substantial farmers, especially the brother, and it is difficult to understand why the long lost relative didn't return.

This first information of Mr. MANNING's whereabouts was received in this county several weeks ago. He wrote a letter to county officials, requesting information regarding relatives, and later sent an application for pension due veterans of the Civil war. Everyone acquainted with him when he left for war believed the story of his death, and the fact that he is still living is received with considerable interest in all sections. (Daily Reflector, July 22, 1921)

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#### WIDOW OF CONFEDERACY RECALLS HOW SHE LIVED IN TWO COUNTIES AT ONCE

By Edwina Haymes, Reflector Staff Writer

An 83-year-old Ayden woman who claims as a child to have eaten in one county and slept in another, all in the same house, is one of five Confederate veterans' widows still living in Pitt County.

Mrs. Laura Dudley GRIFFIN, widow of Robert L. GRIFFIN, recalls that as a child her home was located on a line between Pitt and Craven counties. "We ate in one county, and slept in another," she has been fond of telling her children, "but I always claimed Pitt as my home."





Mrs. GRIFFIN has two children, a daughter, Mrs. Clarence MOORE with whom she lives; and Oler L. GRIFFIN, also of Ayden. She has two grandchildren, Barbara GRIFFIN, 18, and Bobby GRIF-FIN, 11. Mrs. MOORE is town clerk for Ayden, and GRIFFIN is a plumber.

Mrs. GRIFFIN was married in 1900 to the Confederate veteran, who enlisted in the Army of the South in 1863 and who served in the 67th Regiment.

Her husband was also from Pitt County, and the couple began their married life on a farm near Winterville. After ten years Griffin retired and moved his family to Ayden, where they have resided ever since. The veeran died in 1915 at the age of 66.

At the time of his death GRIFFIN was receiving a pension for his service in the War between the States. Later, when Mrs. GRIFFIN applied for the widow's pension, her claim was denied on the basis she was the soldier's third wife. Later, however, the ruling was changed, and with the aid of the Pitt County Welfare Department, Mrs. GRIFFIN's claim was proved and she began receiving the pension.

These pensions are not granted from federal funds, Public Welfare Superintendent K. T. FUTRELL explained, but come from state funds set aside by the legislature for this particular purpose. Applications re filed with the Clerk of Court, approved by the County Pension Board of three men, and transmitted to the state auditor where process is completed. Pension checks are sent out each month to the widows from the state office throught the county, Clerk of Court's office.

Other Pitt County widows of Confederate veterans are Mrs. Lanie A. BALDWIN, Ayden Rt. 3; Mrs. Wilie P. GARDNER, Greenville; Mrs. Bettie J. MOORE, Fountain; and Mrs. Lucy WORTHINGTON, Ayden. (*Daily Reflector*, Aug. 13, 1955)

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#### A COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Editor:—If you will allow me space in your paper to relate to my old comrades an incident that ocured during our Civil War, I will appreciate same very much.

I was a private soldier in Co. A, 1st Regiment, NC. Junior Reserves. When it was reported that the enemy, in the fall of 1864, were advancing for the recapture of Plymouth, our regiment was hurried by a forced march from Tarboro. The marching was very rapid and just before reaching Williamston I was forced through sickness and weariness to drop out. The Captain in charge of the rear guard roughly ordered me back in the line, but finally seeing that I could not go, left me to struggle along the best I could. Just about that time the Major of my regiment rode up and asked what the trouble was. Finding that my condition was sick and worn out he first told me to try to get up to camp as we were not going much further, but after riding a few steps he dismounted and made me get on his horse, and he himself marched on foot the remaining five miles to Williamston. I was grateful to him then and though I have never met him since I have not forgotten his kindness, and I think that my old comrades and fellow citizens should know who he was. He is now a candidate for the United State Senate, and I write this letter without his knowledge. His name is Walter CLARK. He was then though only a boy of 17 or 18 years, major of my regiment, and the same kindness for the rank and file and sympathy for those who needed assitance which he showed them has marked his career through subsequent life. Knowing him as a young soldier, I have naturally observed his public career, and his record shows that he has always stood for the right of the people, and the protection of the weak. —Yours truly, William H. RENFREW, Greenville, N.C. (*Washington Progress*, Mar. 28, 1912)



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## **Pitt County Family Researchers' First Family Reunion**

Saturday, Oct. 18, 1997, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Willis Building at 1st and Reade Streets, Greenville, NC

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# AFRICAN-AMERICAN UNION PENSIONS

The following are African-American claims for Federal pensions for service in the Union Army. These records were gleaned from the Frederick C. DOUGLASS Papers found in the William L. HORNER Collection, #265., East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University. The claimants give some genealogical information about themselves and their former slave owners.



**265.2, Page 73, Claim of Pheobe COBBS, alias BOYD, Craven Co., N.C., widow of Henry BOYD, late Private Co. A, 36th Regiment, U.S.C.T.**

On July 11, 1893, Pheobe COBBS, age 53, a resident of Grifton, N.C., appeared before E. W. CARPENTER, Notary Public. She swears she can find no record of her husbands death. Henry BOYD was discharged on about the fall of 1865 by reason of physical disabilities which he contracted in the winter of 1864/1865 at Deep Bottom, Va. On his way home he was attacked with severe rheumatism and diarrhea and piles. He was carried to New Orleans hospital and there died. She asks that the testimony of Corp. John BLANGO and Thomas BLANGO of Co. A, 36th Reg., U.S.C.T. be accepted. Pheobe states she married the soldier under slavery customs on William LAUGHINGHOUSE's plantation. There was no record kept by her former owners. Her former owners two sons are living and give affidavits in the case. Pheobe also produced affidavits from Siddle PAXTON, Alley ALBRITTON and Ellen TELFAIR who all knew Pheobe and Henry BOYD as husband and wife. Henry BOYD belonged to John BOYD near Grimesland, Pitt Co. which was about two miles from where Pheobe grew up. They grew up together and married when Pheobe was 14 years old and Henry was 16 years old. They had six children, two dying before Henry went into service and two died after viz: Joseph and Sarah. Joseph died about one and a half years after his father went away and Sarah died seven years ago. Pheobe BOYD remarried in September 1869 to Allen COBBS by William LAUGHINGHOUSE, J.P. Pheobe was unable to furnish a marriage record because the courthouse burned and the records burned up.

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

J. D. BARFIELD

Pheobe [her mark] BOYD

Also appeared July 11, 1893, Isaac EVANS, age 54, resident of Grimesland, Pitt Co. He swears he was born and raised near Grimesland, Pitt Co. on William LAUGHINGHOUSE's plantation and belonged to Gustavus EVANS of near Grimesland. Before the war, Isaac EVANS was acquainted with Henry BOYD and his wife Pheobe and they were considered husband and wife by their owners. They had four children viz: Margaret, Sarah, Joseph and Frances. EVANS recollects that Henry BOYD went to Washington, N.C. to enlist in the U.S. Army and where he died in service. Pheobe remarried about Sept. 1867 to Allen COBBS. Allen COBBS died about July 1887.

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

W. H. PENDER

Isaac [his mark] EVANS

Also appeared July 12, 1893, Martha BOYD, age 48, a resident of James City, N.C. She swears she lived and grew up on William LAUGHINGHOUSE's plantation with Pheobe LAUGHINGHOUSE. That Pheobe married Henry BOYD and they were recognized by their owners as husband and wife.

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

John W. HILL

Martha [her mark] BOYD

**265.1, Page 12, Claim of Albert GORHAM, U. S. Navy**

On Nov. 17, 1889, appeared Albert GORHAM, age 50, a resident of New Bern, N.C. He swears he was born at Greenville, Pitt Co. When the war broke out and Washington, N.C. was captured, GORHAM



went there and enlisted in Jan. 1864 aboard the U.S. Navy Gunboat *Louisiana*. He stayed there a week or two and was transferred to the *Commodore Hull* where he remained until discharged at New Bern, N.C. GORHAM states he injured his left hand and had a hernia in the fight at Plymouth, N.C. He received a back injury from lifting cannons at Roanoke. He was treated but has suffered ever since and has to wear a truss. GORHAM was discharged at Philadelphia, Pa. and lived in New Bern ever since.

Albert [his mark] GORHAM

Also appeared, Dec. 23, 1889. Albert EASON, age 44, resident of Smith's Creek. He declares he is acquainted with Albert GORHAM on the Gunboat *Commodore Hull*. Eason says when GORHAM was transferred from the Gunboat *Louisiana*, that GORHAM's hand was badly mashed and the doctor had to dress it every morning. GORHAM was unable to do much work and was transferred. EASON saw GORHAM again at the battle of Plymouth and GORHAM was all broken up with a rupture and was deaf, having to be hollered at to hear anything.

Witness J. B. WILLIS

E. W. CARPENTER

Albert [his mark] EASON

**265.1, Page 19, Claim of Silas SHEPARD**, brother of Austin SHEPARD of Co. E, 35th Reg., U.S.C.T. Appeared Dec. 24, 1889, Simon TYSON, age 56, a resident of Farmville, N.C. TYSON says he was born and raised in Pitt Co. on Shird [Sherrod] TYSON's plantation and knew the parents of Silas and Austin SHEPARD, as they were born on the same plantation. These three boys were raised together until Austin SHEPARD went away and enlisted. TYSON never saw him again until he heard that Austin was dead in the U.S. Army.

Also appeared, Nathan SANDERS, age 53, resident of Farmville, N.C. He swears that he knew Austin and Silas SHEPARD and their parents before the war. They grew up together. When the war broke out, SANDERS enlisted in Co. E, 37th Reg. U.S.C.T., the same brigade as Austin SHEPARD. They fought together at Rocky Point, Va. Austin SHEPARD was ordered to the front at Petersburg, Va. SANDERS never saw him again and heard he had died in the U.S. Army. After the war, SANDERS inquired about the SHEPARD family. SANDERS found only Silas SHEPARD. Silas' mother died May 12, 1850 in West Tennessee where she was sold before the war. Silas' father, Joseph HARRIS died near Greenville, N.C. in the summer of 1882.

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

J. B. WILLIS

Nathan [his mark] SANDERS

**265.1, Page 23, Claim of Nathan SANDERS**, Co. E, 37th Reg. U.S.C.T.

Appeared Dec. 24, 1889, Nathan SANDERS, age 53, who swears he enlisted on Feb. 27, 1864 in Co. E, 37th Reg. U.S.C.T., commanded by Capt. W. A. CUTLER. SANDERS was honorably discharged at Raleigh, N.C. about Feb. 1867. His personal description at enlistment was age 20, height 5' 6", light complexion, black hair and eyes. SANDERS says while in service at Wilson's Landing on May 1, 1864, he contracted diarrhea and piles from having to drink bad water. He was down for several weeks and later contracted bilious fever which put him near death for several weeks. After leaving service, SANDERS has resided in Lenoir and Pitt Counties as a farmer.

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

Nathan [his mark] SANDERS

**265.1, Page 25, Claim of Simon TYSON**

Appeared Feb. 18, 1890, Lawrence COTTON, age 46, resident of New Bern, N.C. COTTON swears he is well acquainted with Simon TYSON. That TYSON enlisted as a private in Co. E, 14th U.S.C.H. Artillery and was discharged at Fort Macon, N.C. on Dec. 11, 1865. TYSON contracted an abcess and ulcer on the right side of his head which caused a loss of vision and deafness. He also had rhuematism in his feet which caused permanent lameness. TYSON rose to Sergeant and that he and COTTON served at New Bern, Carolina City and Morehead City.

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

Lawrence COTTON





Also appeared, Isaac WATERS, age 60, who swears he knows Simon TYSON. They were both Sergeants in the same company.

**265.1, Page 139, Claim of Silas SHEPARD**

Appeared Feb. 18, 1890, Nathan SANDERS, age 53, resident of Farmville, N.C. Sanders swears he was born and raised on Dicy SANDERS plantation near Farmville, N.C. one and a half miles from Henry SHEPARD's plantation, the former owner of Austin and Silas SHEPARD. SANDERS became acquainted with Austin SHEPARD's parents when he was 8 or 10 years old. Austin SHEPARD's father was Joseph HARRIS who died July 1882 and was owned by Spencer HARRIS of near Farmville. Austin SHEPARD's mother was Phillis HARRIS owned by Henry SHEPARD and she died before the war. She died leaving children viz: Austin SHEPARD, Silas SHEPARD, Luvenia SHEPARD (who died Jan. 1879, leaving one daughter named Ellen BYNUM) and Lewis SHEPARD (who died ca. 1862 having never married).

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

Nathan [his mark] SANDERS

**265.1, Page 141, Claim of Sarah ATKINSON, alias ANDERSON, age 45, resident of Farmville, Pitt Co.**

She swears she is the widow of Benjamin ANDERSON who enlisted as Benjamin ANDERSON at New Bern, N.C. in the Spring of 1864 in Co. E, 14th Reg. U.S.C.H. Artillery and who died of disease Feb. 25, 1880 due to lung hemorrhage and exposure received in the U.S. Army. She says she married under the name of Sarah ATKINSON to Benjamin ANDERSON about July 1866 by Moses JOINER, J. P. of Pitt Co. Their children were viz: Eliza born Jan. 22, 1869; Hilliard born Feb. 11, 1870; Alfred born July 1, 1872; and Matthew born Aug. 4, 1874. Eliza later married to Reuben HOWARD. Sarah ATKINSON appoints Frederick DOUGLASS her attorney to prosecute her claim.

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

Sarah [her mark] ATKINSON

**265.1, Page 203, Claim of Silas SHEPARD**

Appeared Feb. 18, 1890, Simon TYSON, age 60, resident of Farmville, Pitt Co. He swears he was born and raised in the Farmville District on Shird [Sherrod] TYSON's plantation in the same neighborhood with Silas and Austin SHEPARD, who fell to the SHEPARD's by reason of Shird TYSON's daughter marrying Henry SHEPARD. Austin SHEPARD died in the U.S. Army and he had two brothers and two sisters. The sisters were viz: Gatsie SHEPARD (who died prior to Silas) and Lavinia SHEPARD (who died unmarried at Farmville about Feb. 1866 leaving one child, Ellen BYNUM). The brothers were viz: Lewis SHEPARD (who died unmarried in the U.S. Army) and Silas SHEPARD (who married but had no children).

Witness E. W. CARPENTER

Simon [his mark] TYSON

Also appeared, Maria STANTON, age 45, who swears she was born and reared in the same neighborhood with the brothers and sisters of Austin SHEPARD, dec'd.

Also appeared, Ellen BYNUM, age 28, of Farmville, Pitt Co., who swears she is the daughter of Lavinia SHEPARD and the only legal heir and neice of Austin SHEPARD. Austin SHEPARD was born near Farmville, Pitt Co. on May 1, 1834 and died at Charleston, S.C. June 28, 1865.

**265.1, Page 248, Claim of Jennie CHERRY, age 41, resident of Greenville, N.C.**

On Feb. 25, 1890, appeared Jennie CHERRY, who swears she is the sister and only heir living of Noah TAFT deceased. TAFT enrolled on Nov. 22, 1863 in Washington, N.C. as a private in Co. C, 37th U.S.C.T. and who died at Fort Caswell, Washington, N.C. on July 2, 1866. Noah TAFT never married and left no children. His mother was Lucy HARDY or TAFT, who died 12 years ago. His father was Noah TAFT who died in Aug. 1887. CHERRY is the only heir surviving and TAFT had no half blood relations. CHERRY makes application for bounty according to the Act of Congress and appoints Frederick DOUGLASS of New Bern, N.C. her attorney.

Jennie [her mark] CHERRY



# VETERAN OBITUARIES

A collection of newspaper obituaries compiled by Roger Kammerer, reprinted in full.



## AN EX-SHERIFF DEAD.

Mr. Zeno MOORE received a letter from Jesup, Ga., las week, informing him of the death of Mr. Joseph H. GRAY, which occurred there in October. The letter was from a daughter of the deceased, who said that she was so young when her father moved away from Pitt county that she did not remember any one here, but in recently looking over his papers she found Mr. MOORE's address and decided to write him of her father's death. It was back in the seventies that Mr. GRAY moved away, but there are many people in the county who remember him. In 1866, the year after he came out of the war, he was elected Sheriff of Pitt county and served one term. (*Eastern Reflector*, Jan. 10, 1894)

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## SAD AND SUDDEN DEATH OF ONE OF GREENE COUNTY'S BEST CITIZENS.

Mr. Jesse T. FORREST fell dead in his field near Ridge Spring on Thursday. The family has lost a most excellent husband and father, the county one of its very best citizens, the neighborhood suffers a great loss beyond expression. He was a consistent member of the Disciples church at Rountrees.

Mr. FORREST surrendered with LEE at Appomattox, came home completely threadbare, without a shifting of clothing. He at once engaged in the agricultural pursuit and soon bought a farm and has been a very successful tiller of the soil up to his death.

Those who were most intimate with him knew most of his worth as a friend, neighbor and citizen. (*Eastern Reflector*, May 29, 1895)

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## FALKLAND FINDINGS.

Mr. Marten CORBITT died with pneumonia last Friday. Mr. CORBITT was a hard working farmer, a good citizen and a good democrat. He was a brave confederate soldier belonged to 61st N.C. regiment. He was 56 years old. (*King's Weekly*, Jan. 14, 1898)

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## ELKS DEAD.

John ELKS, who lived near Winterville, died Tuesday. He was a gallant soldier in the 27th, N.C. regiment and received a wound at Antietam from which he never fully recovered. (*King's Weekly*, July 10, 1900)

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## AYDEN ITEMS . . .

W. B. MOORE, who has been sick a few weeks, died Wednesday and was buried Thursday in Ayden cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Prof. KING. He was about 50 years old and served in the Civil war. He has been a justice of peace for many years, and was postmaster and mayor here for several years. (*Daily Reflector*, Mar. 12, 1904)

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## OLD SOLDIER DEAD.

Mr. Henry STRICKLAND, an old soldier, died at his home in Beaver Dam township on April 25th. He was 81 years of age and was born in Halifax county. He was a good, peaceable man. A widow and large number of children, all grown survive him. (*Daily Reflector*, Apr. 27, 1904, Wed.)

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## AGED CITIZEN DEAD.

Mr. John F. WHICHARD, of Carolina township, one of the oldest citizens of the county, died Friday morning. He was 84 yars old and leaves a wife and several sons and daughters, all of his children being grown. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Great Swamp, and passed away firm in the faith of a blessed hereafter. He was a Confederate soldier, and took great pleasure in meeting his comrades here once a year in the reunions of the veterans and talking over the events





of the war. There was that uprightness about his life that won the highest respect of all who knew him. (*Daily Reflector*, July 22, 1905)

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#### MR. WORRELL MOORE DEAD.

Mr. Worrell MOORE, one of the county's oldest citizens, died last week at his home in Carolina township after a long illness. He was in his 81st year and had spent a useful life, being a prominent farmer and good citizen. He was a Confederate soldier, and a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Briery Swamp. He is survived by five children, Mr. T. L. MOORE, Mrs. Fannie BROWN, Mrs. Henry BROWN, Mrs. J. H. ROBERSON and Mrs. R. L. WOOLARD. (*Daily Reflector*, July 16, 1909)

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#### MR. J. E. RANDOLPH DEAD.

On Sunday morning Mr. J. E. RANDOLPH, who lived with his sons at House station, 3 miles from Greenville, was found dead in bed. Mr. RANDOLPH was quite old and had been feeble for some time. He was a life-long Democrat, a gallant Confederate soldier and a good citizen. He leaves several children, all of whom are grown. (*Daily Reflector*, Dec. 13, 1909, Mon.)

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#### MR. HENRY A. BLOW DEAD.

A Confederate Veteran and Former Post Master.

Mr. Henry A. BLOW, a well known citizen of Greenville died today about 1 p.m. He had been sick only a few days, and his death was rather unexpected. He was about 63 years old. He married a Miss BODDIE of Nash county. She died several years ago. There are six children living, Mrs. W. B. WILSON, of Greenville; Mr. W. J. BLOW, of Wilmington; Miss Fannie BLOW, of Littleton; Mr. T. G. BLOW, of Washington; Mrs. Nonie BLOW, of Greensboro, and Mrs. STRICKLAND, Nashville. He is also survived by one brother, Mr. A. L. BLOW and one sister, Mrs. M. D. HIGGS, both of Greenville.

Mr. BLOW was a Confederate soldier and has been secretary of the BRYAN GRIMES CAMP of Confederate veterans of Pitt county several years. He was post master of Greenville under Cleveland's first administration. He was recently nominate for justice of the peace. (*Daily Reflector*, Oct. 6, 1910)

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#### AYDEN ITEMS . . .

Mr. Benjamin SMITH, one of our oldest citizens, and an ex-Confederate soldier, died Wednesday morning from congestion of the liver. His remains were laid to rest at his old home-stand, three miles in the country Thursday. He leaves a large family of children and a widow. Mr. SMITH has been a large planter near Ayden for a long time and was a very prominent Primitive Baptist having attended upward of forty consecutive associations without missing one. He laid up for himself treasures in heaven, where the bank never fails, where the cashier never steals and the gold never cankers. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved. (*Daily Reflector*, Dec. 9, 1910)

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#### VENERABLE CITIZEN OF FARMVILLE PASSED AWAY SATURDAY.

Mr. Mc. D. HORTON, Sr., age 74, at one time a large planter in the county, but for a long time since a resident of Farmville, passed away at his home Saturday, May 20th. Mr. HORTON was a Confederate volunteer under Captain WHITEHEAD in 1862, and served during many battles, including those of Gettysburg and the Wilderness. He is survived by a widow and three children, Mr. Mc D. HORTON, Jr., Mr. Wm. POLLARD and Mrs. James PARKER, all of Farmville. (*Daily Reflector*, May 23, 1911, Tues.)

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#### MR. JOAB TYSON

Editor Reflector: —Joab TYSON died at his home in Beaver Dam on Sept. 13, 1912 at the age of 75 years with pellegra, having been sick for ten weeks. He was the son of John J. and Laney TYSON. A faithful wife and four children survive him. He was first married to Jane PARKER in 1860; C. E. TYSON is a son of first marriage. In 1869 he married Susan SMITH. By this union 3 children survive, Mrs. Arden TUCKER, Joab TYSON and Miss Lucy K. TYSON.





His War Record. —He enlisted in the spring of 1862 in Dr. Joma LAWRENCE, afterwards Licurgus BARRIETT Company which was annexed to the 12th North Carolina and Georgia Cavalry. CHADBORN of Georgia was colonel, DEERING brigade. This company was of the flower of the land who were able to furnish their accoutrements. He spent the winters of 1862 and 1863 on Black Water, Va., doing picket duty and very often fighting the federal cavalry. He was stationed at Kinston, N.C., in the summer of 1863 where he was a special crier at the battle of Wise Fork where he rode near General DEERING. The federal fire was concentrated on him and the General com-manded him to "throw down dispatch and flee for you life."

This faithful regiment was sent on a forced march to repel FOSTER's raid through Greenville to Rocky Mount. They rested on their arms on Hunters Creek on the night of July 3, 1863. The federals were piloted by a guard to an old colonial ford. Next morning found them in Greene country. He was in the battle to Capture Washington and Plymouth, N.C., where he heard the blowing up of the iron clad Albermarle Ram. He often spoke of Plymouth as being a bloody seige where the Confederates are lying on the ground where they had repeatedly charged were thick enough to step from one to another.

The winter of 1863 was again spent on the south side of the James river below Richmond where the winter was bitter cold and almost every day scrambling with the enemy. The summer of 1864 again found this battle scared regiment in eastern North Carolina where when the Confederates attempted to capture New Bern they sent around on the flank to capture a fort which they did and two hours later received orders to march to Petersburg with all possible haste, (having marched hard the day previous) remaining in this captured fort only a few hours to get a full supper of the federals good rations and feed and rest their faithful horses. Their long forced march begun and at dark on the fourth day found them striking camp on the north side of the old historic Appomattox, just over the bridge opposite Petersburg. Dark and rainy, soldeirs and horses wet and tired and hungry and but little food in their haversacks and no food for the horses till near dawn, men drop to mother earth and took a peaceful slumber. Next morning a bright July day. Grand [GRANT] formed army coming up the Appomattox and is near Petersburg. Joab TYSON and William SMITH (R. L. SMITH's father) wre sent out by General DEERING to recounter and report any information about the federals. The federal cavalry were now in sight of Richmond. LEE's heroic army is gathering before GRANT; it is near night and both armies are aware that many will die next day. Only sorties are made. LEE begins to build breastworks. GRANT, too, begins to build breastworks. Now the fighting in the trenches before Petersburg begins.

This well known Bridge of DEERING is found south of Petersburg fighting GRANT at Stoney Creek, Reams Station and one hundred flanking movements. Just a few days before LEE evacuated Petersburg the subject of this sketch was given a squad of men and detached to get up forage in N.C. Two horses were killed under him but he never received a scratch. He ran out of a fort one time after its surrender and he was a target over an open field only to have his rifle shot from his hand; came home and bought an old army horse and made bread for his beautiful wife an two babys. — Brother GRIGG. (*Eastern Reflector*, Sept. 27, 1912)

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MR. E. P. FLEMING DEAD.

Another of Pitt county's Confederate soldiers and good citizens answered the final roll call this morning about 4 o'clock, when Mr. E. P. FLEMING passed away at his home five miles from Greenville. He was 72 years of age and is survived by three sons, Messrs. J. E., C. E. and Bithel FLEMING.

His wife died only two weeks ago and he soon follows to join her "Beyond the River". (*Daily Reflector*, Oct. 31, 1912, Thurs.)

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Mr. Shade S. JACKSON was attacked with acute indigestion Saturday night and died Monday morning. Mr. JACKSON was well stricken in years, but at all times was jovical and noted for industry and sobriety. His remains were interred at the JACKSON cemetery near his old home in Jacksontown. He leaves a widow and children. About thirty years ago he was happily married to Miss Alice NEGAN, daughter of Mr. Nemrod NEGAN. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved. Mr.



JACKSON was an old Confederate soldier and a member of the Free Will Baptist church. (*Daily Reflector*, Dec. 6, 1912, Thurs.)

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#### DEATH OF FIRST ENLISTED TAR HEEL.

Capt. John B. WORSLEY, formerly of Pitt county, but late of Asheville, was found dead in his room in Washington, D.C., on the night of September 1st. Capt. WORSLEY was a gallant Confederate soldier. He was the first man from North Carolina to enlist in the war between the States and fought through that memorable war without being furloughed a single day.

When Fort Sumter was being bombarded, Captain WORSLEY, then a mere boy, asked permission to join the Confederate troops. He took part in that battle and after it was over was given his preference of remaining with South Carolina troops or returning to his native State. He chose the latter course and served with gallant distinction.

Representative SMALL and Joe F. TAYLOR, and John D. BROWN, of Salisbury, took charge of the body. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. (*Washington Progress*, Sept. 17, 1914)

[Related to above article:]

#### CAPT. WORSLEY BURIED AT ASHEVILLE.

Editor Progress: — I see in your paper a notice of Capt. John B. WORSLEY's death, in which there is one error, which please correct. I was a close friend and relative of Capt. WORSLEY, and attended his funeral. He was buried in River View Cemetery, Asheville, N.C., at 4 o'clock P.M. on the 3rd day of September.

I write this so that his friends and relatives may know where his body rests. Mr. WORSLEY left two sons; one, John, lives in Asheville; the other, Frederick, resides in Florida. Both attended his funeral.

I do not know how the error occurred, but these are the facts. —Yours truly, F. H. Von EBERSTEIN, Chocowinity, NC (*Washington Progress*, Sept. 24, 1914)

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#### BRYANT TRIPP'S DEATH.

Bryant TRIPP was born in 1836 and lived to be 86 years old. Wednesday the 12th of July the death angel visited the home and took him to be his guest to which he was the most humble and faithful to his God.

He entered the Civil War 1861, and served to the close in April 1865, to which he was faithful to the end. After the war for his life work milling and farming to which he was successful.

After 1865 he was married to Miss Abbie NELSON to which were born three girls and there has not been three better in North Carolina in any home and seven boys of which 6 are living today. He was a man beloved of all. He was never known to do an unkind act, honest in all of his dealings. While his children were small fire swept his home and all of the contents, leaving him neither bread or meat or clothes to wear, but he trusted God and never gave up.

He united with the Free Will Baptist church before the war which he continued to stay with until death and loved it to the end.

While he was sick I visited him after reading God's word and having a heart to heart talk he was strengthened for the final conflict and he went through death so calm and easy like David said "that he would fear no evil" which he did I can say that death was only a dream calling him home where no pain nor sorrow will never come to disturb him, any more so I say to his dear wife don't weep, children look up to God and after awhile Jesus will send after you. I know that the girls are looking to that day with joy so I say to the boys prepare to go where papa is.

Written by one who loved him like a father. —Elder W. B. NOBLES (*Daily Reflector*, Oct. 4, 1922)

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#### REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN T. JENKINS.

John T. JENKINS, son of William and Susan JENKINS was born in Martin county October 10, 1845 and died June 28, 1923, making his stay on earth some over 77 years. He fought bravely in the civil war for 18 months, even going before he was called at the early age of seventeen. Soon after the war he married Miss Fannie JAMES and moved to Pitt county near Leens, where he spent the





remainder of his life quietly on the farm. To this union were born three children, two W. J. and J. R. JENKINS are still living.

His second wife was Miss Malinda WHICHARD who died about 12 years ago leaving three children Mrs. Eli RODGERS, Mrs. Ernest CARSON and B. E. JENKINS, all who are still living. He was very industrious, energetic, [remainder missing in copy]. (*Daily Reflector*, July 5, 1923)

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#### J. T. SMITH DEAD; FUNERAL SERVICE HELD TOMORROW

J. T. SMITH, confederate veteran, 77 years old, died today at his home in west Greenville. Mr. SMITH had been ill for some time. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Ayden cemetery, where his first wife is interred.

Mr. SMITH is survived by his widow, and five children, all by his first wife: Mrs. Ella MOORE. Mrs. W. O. BILBRO, Greenville; Mrs. Heber JACKSON, Winterville; J. C. SMITH, Robersonville; J. T. SMITH, Flat Swamp sections; Ivy, Marion, Mills and C. B. SMITH, brothers; also survive. In addition Mrs. Addie SPEIGHT, Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. John FLANAGAN; Mrs. J. FLANAGAN, Farmville, sisters, survive.

Pallbearers: J. F. HARRINGTON, John MANNING, Leon TUCKER, Jack HARRINGTON, J. C. GASKINS, E. F. TUCKER, S. J. EVERETT, E. R. DUDLEY. (*Daily Reflector*, Dec. 8, 1923)

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#### MR. W. J. FLEMING DIED LAST NIGHT.

Interment in Family Burying Ground This Afternoon.

Mr. W. J. FLEMING, 77, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carl ABEE last night after an illness of several days. Funeral services were conducted from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Elder S. B. DENNY, interment following in the family burying ground.

Mr. FLEMING was well known throughout the county being held in highest esteem by a host of friends. He was a successful farmer having made his home on his farm until the past few years since which time he has made his home in Greenville. He was a Mason and a Confederate Veteran. In early manhood he married Miss Effie FLEMING who died three years ago.

The deceased is survived by four sons, and three daughters, Messrs. Jess, Clair, Sidney, and Guy FLEMING; Mesdames Claude WEST, Walter PATRICK and Carl ABEE. Three sisters, Mesdames Rebecca BROWN, Lucinda NOBLES and Huldah STATON also survive. (*Daily Reflector*, Feb. 18, 1924, Mon.)

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Mr. Sylvester FLEMMING, aged 79 years, died at the Washington Hospital of blood poison Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock after an illness of about eight weeks. The funeral was conducted from St. Peter's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rector, Rev. Stephen GARDNER. He was an ex-Confederate soldier, having served four years and receiving one wound. Mr. Flemming was a native of Pitt County but the major portion of his life was spend in Washington. He was successful in business and accumulated considerable property. He was well known and had a large circle of friends. (*Washington Progree*, Dec. 4, 1924, Thurs.)

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#### JESSE BRAXTON ANSWERS FINAL CALL AFTER TWO YEARS OF ILLNESS

Death continues to take its toll from the thinning ranks of followers of LEE and JACKSON in this county.

Yesterday morning Jesse BRAXTON, 95, one of the eight or nine remaining followers of the Grey, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. K. BRADSHAW, near Cox's Mill.

Death came to the veteran following a stroke of paralysis about two years ago. Since that time he had been confined to his bed. Death was not unexpected.

Funeral services were conducted from his late home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and members of the Pitt County Post of the American Legion acted as pall bearers. The services were attended by members of the local U. D. C.

Mr. BRAXTON was one of the first from Pitt county to respond to the call of the South, and he took part in practically the entire conflict.

He evinced an active interest in the reunion of veterans until illness necessitated his confinement. He was well-know in the section in which he resides and was held in the highest esteem by a host of friends. (*Daily Reflector*, Dec. 18, 1929, Weds.)

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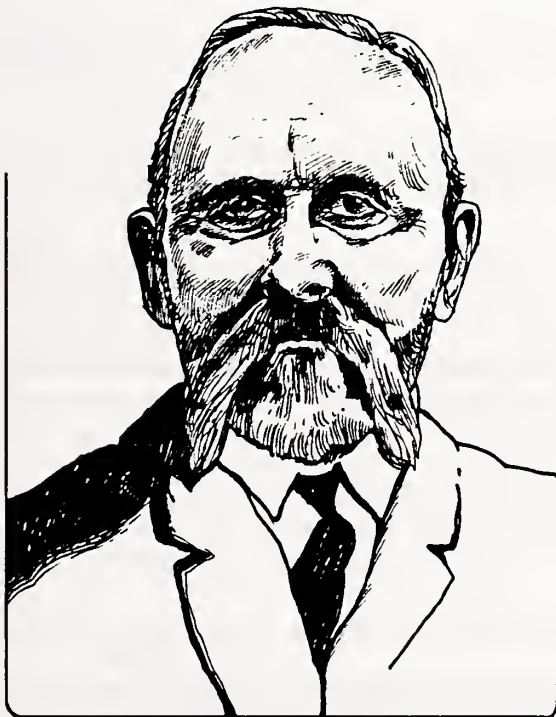


## WIDOW DEAD.

Mrs. Willie P. GARDNER, 92, died in the Greenville Nursing Home Sunday afternoon at 5:45 following several years of illness. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by her pastor, Dr. Joyce V. EARLY, and the Rev. Thomas LOFTIS, associate pastor. Burial will be in Cherry Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. GARDNER, a native of Martin County, was reared at Hamilton. She was married to John R. WHITEHURST in 1893 and he died in 1894. In 1899 she was married to David D. GARDNER of Greenville and he died in 1910. She was a charter member of the Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church and was the last surviving widow in Pitt County of a Civil War veteran.

Surviving are a son, Carl L. WHITEHURST of Long Branch, New Jersey; four grandchildren W. Layton CLARK of Greenville, Mrs. John SHERMAN of Little Silver, New Jersey, Mrs. Paul J. LANIER of Greensboro, and Mrs. John C. DARDEN of Garmville; 11 great grandchildren; and 1 great great granddaughter. (*Daily Reflector*, June 30, 1969, Mon.)



*J. R. Davenport of Pactolus, Pitt Co., NC*

## A GOOD RECORD.

Made by an Honorable Son of Pitt County.



Unpretentious and modest, true and upright, brave and heroic, are the virtues of the best citizens. We have just had the pleasure of hearing Mr. R. M. JONES recount the brave and heroic deeds of Mr. J. R. DAVENPORT, the merchant prince of Pactolus, successful farmer and most excellent citizen. We have it from Mr. DAVENPORT whom we sought in person, and from him without his knowing that this would be published.

He enlisted in the war at 16 years of age at the first call to arms as a private in Co. B., 33rd N.C. Regiment. He fought through the war, was in thirty three engagements, wounded six times, and on the final day when LEE surrendered at Appomattox was in command of and surrendered his company.

We are proud of such men as J. R. DAVENPORT. He is a worthy and honored son of Pitt county and such men as he are the main stay of our country who can be relied upon. It was the merest accident that we had the opportunity of knowing these facts. A peculiar coincidence was that he was a member of the 33rd Regiment and was in thirty three engagements.

(*Eastern Reflector*, Sept. 25, 1895)





# BIBLE RECORDS



## THE JOHN LEIGHTON CROOM BIBLE

From xeroxed copies of the original pages contributed by Donald H. Gurley. The Bible is owned by Henry C. Croom of Scottsdale, Arizona. *The Cottage Bible and Family Expositor; Containing the Old and New Testaments . . .*, printed and published by Case, Tiffany and Burnham, Hartford, 1841. (Transcribed from the xeroxed copy by Elizabeth Ross)

### Marriages

John L Croom was married Sept'r 10th 1840—to Miss Elisabeth Aldridge

John L. Croom & Mary Baker were married on December 29th 1854

R. C. Croom & Mollie Walters was Married Nov 24th 1870

John L. Croom died on Monday Morning Sept. 28th 1857 in a Christian Hope Requesit in Pace age 33 year

Evander Walters and Virginia F Croom Was married on Monday March 7th 1870—

John L Hardee was married Sept'br 2nd 1849 to Miss Josephine Potts

### Deaths

Elisabeth Jane Croom Daughter of John L. Croom & Elisabeth Croom his wife Died 7th Feb, 1854  
Age 6 years & 6 month

Wm H Croom. Jr was Married on Thursday Dec 20th 1866 to Miss Eliza E Hardee

John R Moore & Mary P Croom was Married Feb 6th 1872

### Births

Mary Penelope Croom daughter of John L. Croom & Elisabeth his wife was borne Dec'br 20th 1845

Elizath Jane Croom daughter of John L Croom & Elisabeth his wife was born August. 28—1847

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~~Picture of Hardees two thousand dollars By Thomas Waters Jr was born January 22nd. 1850~~

~~The Son of John L & Elisabeth Croom his wife [several (disconnected?) struck-thru]~~

Rotheus Caswell Croom was born 22d January 1850

Wm. Henry. Croom Son of John-L-Croom and Elisabeth his wife was borned August the 7th 1841

Julian. Bush. Croom the Son of John L. Croom and Elisabeth his wife was borne Sept'br 16 1843

John Flavius Bush Croom son of John L. Croom & Elisabeth his wife was borne Dec'br 8th 1844

Eliza E. Hardee was Born Sept 14th 1851.

Luek Now [or Now'n?] Croom. son of John L. Croom & Elisabeth Croom his wife was born August 6th 1851

~~Julius Francis Croom, Son of John L. & Elisabeth Croom his wife was born Sept'br 26th 1852 [struck thru, and begun again]~~

Julius Francis & Virginia Francis Son & daughter (twins) Son & daughter of John L. Croom & Elisabeth his wife was born Sept'br 26th 1852

John Leighton Croom. Son of Wm H Croom and Eugenia his wife was born April 11th 1868.

Alzora Elisabeth Croom Daughter of W H Croom & Eugenia his wife was born April 13th 1870

Barbara Eva Croom. Daughter W H Croom & Eugenia his wife was born Sept. 14th 1871.

Mary Virginia Croom. Daughter of W. H. & Eliza E Croom was born Jan 9th 1874

### Deaths

Isaac Croom Sen'r departed this life July 29th—1841—

James Harrison departed this life in a Chistian hope February 22nd 1844—

Julian Bush Son of John. L. Croom and Elisabeth his wife departed this life November 22d 1843.

Aged 2 months 6 days—





John Flavius Bush Croom son of John L Croom & Elisabeth his wife departed this life April 12th  
 1845—Age 4 month & 4 days  
 Doc'tr Abraham Croom departed this life May the 9th 1829—  
 Mary Croom departed this life March the 3th 1844—  
 Elizabeth Jane Jones wife of David Jones departed this life in a christian hope July 21 1847  
 Elisath Croom wife of John L. Croom departed this life on Sundy morning at 10. o. clock May 2\_  
 [21?] 1854 in a christian hope Age 34 [or 54?]



### THE LEWIS MILLS RECORD

Found in Miscellaneous Genealogies, East Carolina University Manuscript Collection, xeroxed copies of the original records contributed by Alice Mills Elks of Pitt Co., NC. The records were written in a songbook, published in 1798, in the possession of Mrs. Elks. Transcribed by Elizabeth Ross.

"Children of Lewis Mills and his wife Elizabeth Elks."

Henry John Mills he was born of July the 22 Day 1834  
 Joseph ransom Mills he was born of September the 12 Day 1835  
 Sam'l Lewis Mills he was born of May the 9 Day 1837  
 William Nasbey Mills he was born of Mach the 12 Day 1839  
 Cedric [? or fedric] L. Tinden [? or Jirden?] Mills he was born of September the 17 Day 1840  
 Seidia [or Leidia?] an lisebeth she was born of March the 9 Day 1842  
 Cas iwill hunter Mills he was born of february the 12 Day 1844  
 Jessee Brint Mills he wase born of Janary the 30 Day 1845  
 Crandel Hunter Mills he was born on September the 26 Day 1846-1846  
 Readden gustus Mills he was gorn on September the 13 Day 1847 1847 [the last two entries had the year struck-through and rewritten]  
 Edward Stanly Mills he was born in august the 21 Day 1849  
 Mary an viney Mills she was born in March the 21 Day 1851  
 Eith\_un [Cithran??] Alvaina Mills was Born in April the 15th day. 1854



### THE WILLIAM LANG BIBLE

From a photocopy of the original contributed by Martha M. Marble of Washington, D.C. *The Holy Bible*, according to the authorized version, with a perpetual genealogical family register, published in 1859 by the Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.

John Lang son of Jas & Jemima Lang was born in Gates County N.C. on the 26th May A.D. 1765  
 Died in Pitt County N.C. on the 18th of August A.D. 1840 Aged 75 years 2 months 23 days  
 William Lang son of Jno & Elizabeth Lang was Born in Pitt County N.C. on the 23rd December A.D. 1792 Baptized A.D. 1833 By Rev. Gibson Murray Died in Pickens Co. Ala. on the 2nd Sept. A.D. 1868 Aged 75 years 8 months 2 days  
 Mary Pamela Hughes Wife of Wm Lang was Born in Chester District, S.C. on the 19th April A.D. 1812 Baptized A.D. 1834 By Rev. Gibson Murray Died in Pickens Co. Ala. on the 2nd of Dec A.D. 1895 Aged 83 years 7 months 13 days  
 Wm. Lang Son of Jno & Elizabeth Lang and Mary Pamela Hughes Daughter of Thos & Mary Hughes Were Married in Tuscaloosa Alabama on the 20th December A.D. 1827 By Robert Cook Esqr



Wm. E. Warren Son of Saml H. and Elizabeth Warren and Elizabeth Lang Daughter of Wm & Mary P. Lang Were Married in Pickens County Alabama on the 1st February A.D. 1849 by Rev Wm Sea

Wm Henry Lang Son of Wm & M P Lang was Born in Jackson County Ala on the 19th April A.D. 1834 Baptized By Rev Gibson Murray Died in Pickens County on the 31st day of October A.D. 1871 Aged 37 years 6 months 12 days

Marietta Lang Daughter of Wm & M P Lang was Born in Pickens County Ala on the 13th January A.D. 1838 Baptized By Rev W Burgess Died in Pickens County Ala. on the 7th day of March A.D. 1906 Aged 68 years 1 month

David Sidney Lang son of Wm & Mary P Lang was Born in Pickens County Ala on the 15th July A.D. 1840 was killed at battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia Died in Henrico County Va. on the 27th day of June A.D. 1862 Aged 21years 10 months 12 days

Joseph S Walker Son of Sylvanus [?] & Mary Walker and Marietta Lang Daughter of Wm & Mary P Lang Were Married in Pickens County Ala on the 3rd November A.D. 1859 [by] Thomas S. Abernethy Jr.

B. M. Lang Son of Wm Lang & M. P. Lang and Sallie E. Blanton Daughter of J. N. & Lucy Blanton Were Married in Pickens County Ala on the 15th of January A.D. 1874 By Rev. J. P. Lee

David Sidney Lang was killed 1862 at battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia during Civil War- Wrote letter to his Parents night before he was killed . . . Above written out by Alonzo Hunter Lang 1927

Lewis Thornton Lang son of Wm & M P Lang was Born in Pickens County Ala on the 14th December A.D. 1842 Died in Pickens Co . on the 25th Oct A.D. 1917 Aged 74 years 10 months 11 days

Alonzo Clay Lang son of Wm & M P Lang was Born in Pickens County Ala on the 6th December A.D. 1844 Died in Pickensville Pickens Co Ala on the 26th April A.D. 1872 Aged 27 years 4 months 20 days

Bennett Munroe Lang son of Wm & M P Lang was Born in Pickens County Ala on the 16th October A.D. 1846 Baptized By Rev Wm Murrah Died in Columbus Miss. on the 29th Nov. A.D. 1926 Aged 80 years 1 month 13 days

Lewis T. Lang Son of Wm & M. P. Lang and Fannie V. Cook Daughter of Dennis and Mary Cook Were Married in Lowndes County Miss. on the 22nd October A. D. 1868 By Rev. Massengale

Alonzo Clay Lang Son of Wm & M. P. Lang and Sue J. Kerr Daughter of W. and Sarah Kerr Were Married in Sumter Co. Alabama on the 20 day of Jan. A.D. 1876 by Dr. C. L. Stillman

Sallie Lang wife of B. M. Lang died in Columbus Miss. April the 6th 1903 Aged 52 yrs 0 mos 16 days



### **HODGES-DENMARK BIBLE**

Taken from a typed copy contributed by Steven D. Denmark of Seattle, WA. This record was found in Georgia DAR Bible Records, GRE 61, page 61, DAR Library, Washington, DC. The Denmark family was an old family found in early Pitt County deeds.

Joseph Hodges married C eleanor Denmark

Nathaniel Hodges (son) born June 14, 1777; died Aug. 23, 1868; married Martha Whittendon born Nov. 15, 1784, died 1826.





Their children:

Ann C. Hodges born Oct. 27, 1802  
Joshua W. Hodges born July 10, 1804  
Katherine K. Hodges born Nov. 9, 1806  
Martha B. Hodges born Aug. 1, 1811  
Sarah Matilda and Elizabeth Hodges born Dec. 25, 1818  
Wade Peyton Hodges born Dec. 12, 1822  
Nathaniel Flournoy Hodges born March 11, 1825

Wade P. Hodges married Mary Jane Denmark born Aug. 17, 1838, died June 18, 1919.

Their Children:

Medora Ann born April 8, 1858, married J. D. Talbert.  
Nathaniel Thomas born Dec. 17, 1860, married Maud Taylor.  
Clayton Ray born Aug. 17, 1863, married Ollie King.  
Charles Simeon born Dec. 17, 1865, married Dec. 22, 1896 to Ida Underwood..  
Frances Harriet born Nov. 11, 1868, married April 18, 1892 to Jeff Holder.  
Amanda R. Waver born April 10, 1872, married Jan. 18, 1893 to Elwood Harrell.  
Dewitt Clinton born Dec. 5, 1875, married Alice Trulock.

Note: Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia, compiled by Mrs. Howard H. McCall, page 91 gives the following:

Joshua Hodges Sr., born N.C. Oct. 13, 1736, died Bullock Co., Ga. March 13, 1809. He served in the Militia from Martin Co., N.C. under Capt. Kenneth McKenzie on a tour of duty in 1780; received a Land Grant in Burke Co., Ga. for his service. He married in N.C. to Ann Raiford. All their children lived and died in Bullock Co., Ga., except dau. Alcy, who married and removed to Lowndes Co., Ga. Their children:

Joseph Hodges, married C eleanor Denmark.  
Catherine Hodges, b. 1762, married Jarvis Jackson.  
Benjamin Hodges, married Dorothy Carr.  
Joshua Hodges, Jr., b. 1766, married Rebecca Fletcher.  
Essenuer (called Alcy) Hodges, married 1801 to John Dampier.  
Rhoda Hodges, married Lemuel S. Lanier.



### **THE ARCHABALD H. FLANAGAN BIBLE**

From the notes of Robert A. Tyson, these Bible records are included in a form letter from L. Martin Flanagan; they seem to be paraphrased. Mr. Flanagan states: "The following information is from the Family Bible which is in the possession of L. Martin Flanagan, West Palm Beach, Florida." All annotations shown here were made by Mr. Flanagan. Archibald H. Flanagan was the son of James and Nancy Flanagan of Pitt County. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Archibald H. Flanagan was born 1/5/1825. He died 3/3/1887

His original will is stored in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Wills: C.R. 079.801.2)

On 7/5/1853, Archabald married Mary Bell, daughter of Henry C. Bell and Penelope Bell. Mary Bell Flanagan was born 1/3/1838, and died 7/12/1897. Penelope Bell died 1/26/1881.



Archabald and Mary Bell Flanagan had 10 children as follows:

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| (1) Alise Flanagan : b. 5/25/1854; d. / /                  | married: Thomas Lassiter 12/20/1877       |
| (2) Mary Flanagan : b. 10/19/1855; d. 10/30/1855           | not married                               |
| (3) Alfred Flanagan : b. 12/19/1856; d. 2/10/1876          | not married                               |
| (4) William H. Flanagan : b. 3/17/1858; d. / /             | married: Alice McArthur 5/20/1884         |
| (5) John Hardy Flanagan : b. 8/13/1859; d. 9/27/1920       | married: Nannie Bathsheba Smith 1/28/1885 |
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| (9) Nancy (Nannie) Penelope Flanagan : b. 1/14/1866        | married: Ivy Smith 1/24/1888              |
| (10) James Lafayette Flanagan : b. 11/8/1867; d. 1/28/1926 | married: Appie E. Moore 2/18/1891         |
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*Mrs. Susan Streeter Atkinson*  
(see article, p. 21)







# CIVIL WAR LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

The following is a letter written by Mrs. Susan Virginia STREETER ATKINSON, wife of Peyton ATKINSON, to Gov. Zebulon B. VANCE on July 28, 1863 concerning the Yankee raid of Gen. E. E. POTTER through Pitt County. The letter is found in the Zebulon B. VANCE Papers, GLB.50, N.C. Archives.



Falkland July 28th

Govenor VANCE,

I beg of you to read this, & I know your kind heart, will not accuse me of presumption in writing to you. My own feelings & the entreaties of our Citizens prompt me to the act. We come Umble, imploring our Noble Govenor to send help to rescure us from these Yankee Wretches. You may have seen an outline of their deeds, but you know not the deep, black outrages committed by them. In Greenville they destroyed it is thought three hundred thousand dollars worth of property, robed Citizens of everything Valuable, such as watches, jewelry, silver, & money they had large iron hooks, with which 2 men could throw an ironsafe easily down & which they did bursting out the back & taking its contents. Some persons there were robed of every cent & all of their Notes, Valuable papers destroyed. There were no troops at Greenville General MARTIN, had many rifle pits or brest works. thrown up at Greenville, & about the time they were completed, he ordered the place to be evacuated. & believe me there is not & now, nor at the time of the invasion, any soldiers between tawboro & Greenville, except a few sick ones at Greenville & on one of our plantations, which is headquarters for Major KENNEDY, who belongs to Col GRIFFINs regiment. & in all of this fighting Major KENNEDY & men did the effectual work but he no longer comes to his quarters than Gen MARTIN orders him away to where it is believed no enemy is advancing at the time of this raid he was ordered to Hamliting & not a man, capiable of service was any wheres where the federals advanced. These Yankees destroyed the bridge at Greenville proceeded to tawboro unmolested except only a few shot from, helpless Citizens. On their rout from Greenville to Tawboro they stole all horses they could get, robed persons of all their money, watches, brandy, silver, armes rushed into houses at midnight, bursting open doors, into Ladies bed rooms, whilst they were in bed, Tied citizens & locked them up in gin houses. Destroyed every thing belonging to the Goverment in Tawboro & after the fight at Tawboro you thing the wretches did not go to the hotell & dine. You know they destroyed the factoy & other property at the falls of Tar river. I cant begin to tell you in letter of their deeds. This is a rich potion of the state you know & our crops promise an abundant harvest notwithstanding heavy rains, but if we are left exposed in this way, we can do nothing for the state or Confederacy. Now allow me to write the sentiments of the community, it is believed that General MARTIN, is in Coleague with Genl POTTER, Do you know they married sisters, General MARTINs headquarters is Kingston & I am told, that Mrs MARTIN goes to Newbern just when she pleases. Men who were in this fight say every Yankee could of been captured at Swift Creek bridge, if Genl MARTIN would of let them remained there but he ordered them away about half of an hour before the Yanks came to Cross, & just gave them passage. The citizens are holding meetings to send representatives to the Authorities to remove old MARTIN Govenor VANCE we call on you, O' in the name of God do something for us examine into this matter, Come down here & see the good people who elected you, who will support you through life & death. We call on our Govenor, for help. Dont allow us, while Carolinas noble sons, have responded to the call of troops, to be trodden down so. Many a lady & her hepleless little children slept in the woods with the Green grass for their beds & the Canopy of Heaven for their shelter, during this raid. The Yanks had armed negroes along, in edgcomb county one of these african wretches, entered a prominent citizens house & asked if they had any pretty white gals that he wanted a wife. O' my God how will this end. O' Govenor you are a Father a brother, how can you bear this, but down here it has to be borne. I wish I could see you I beg umblely for you to take this letter as it is intended, good for the county, not





presumptuously. I am pactuated [?] partly to write this by others. I should like to tell you all, & will be in Raleigh some time next week, & if you desire to know more of this matter, on the arrival of this, just write a line & drop it in office at Raleigh, & you shall know of my arrival. May god protect your slumbers while we are afraid to pillow our heads

Very respectfully

Mrs Peyton ATKINSON

[Notes by the Governors office made on the side of the letter]...this is written some what confidential . . . Mrs. Peyton ATKINSON July 28th 1863

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## QUERIES

Seek parents of Sarah Ann Martha KELLY/KELLEY, b. ca. 1825, GA; m. Hosea (Jr.) GALLOWAY, b. ca. 1824 NC. Sarah's parents possibly born in Ireland.

—Helen D. DOTTS; 7501 Palm Ave. #127; Yucca Valley, CA 92284-3652.

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ROCHEL, Jacob V., in 1790 census, Pitt Co., NC: 1 male 16+ 2 males under 16, 2 females, 2 slaves. Any info. on this family appreciated.

—Sloan S. MASON; 125 Durham Dr.; Fayetteville, GA 30214 (770-460-8615). E-mail GLSG91A@prodigy.com.

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Looking for info. on CANNON family of Swift Creek, Pitt Co., NC. Mary CANNON m. Louis MUMFORD. Mary's father was Henry CANNON, son of David CANNON of Swift Creek, Pitt Co.

—Gary and Joanne MUMFORD HILL; 944 E. Broadway; Cushing, OK 74023-3538 (918-225-1410).

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Can anyone give data on family of Elizabeth SUTTON, dau. of Joseph, Jr., and her husband Abraham MULLEN/MOULIN/MAUDLIN. I believe that had 11 children. Have names but no dates for them. They were Quakers, as were most of the children of George and Sarah (TILDEN) SUTTON.

—Elsie M. DAVID; 3665 D. ST. NE. Apt. A; Salem, OR 97301-2952 (503-585-5780).

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Looking for info. on Abraham BROOKS, b. ca. 1786 in NC, md. 1st time to Darkey MEEKS, he d. 1850-1860 in GA. Would also like to know about Abraham's parents, and the parents of Darkey MEEKS, Brittain and Mary MEEKS of Pitt Co., NC. (Darkey MEEKS born about 1786 in Pitt Co.)

—Jeanne HARDEN; 592 Alandale Dr.; Tallmadge, OH 44278-1412 (330-630-2306).

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James MUSE, b. Mar. 9, 1834, d. May 28, 1914 in Pamlico Co., NC; md. 1st to Charlotte POWERS on Sept. 23, 1855 in Craven Co., NC, and md. 2nd to Mary MILLER on Aug. 17, 1879 in Pamlico Co., NC.

—Darrell ROGERS; 340 Cooper Road; Bayboro, NC 28515 (919-745-4736).

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Seeking info. on Martha Lucinda PETTITT, b. in Enfield, Halifax Co., NC, on Apr. 29, 1848, d. July 14, 1914 in Farmville, Pitt Co., NC. She is buried in the Forest Hills Cemetery in Farmville. Married Jan. 2, 1872 to Joseph John MOORE who was b. in Farmville on May 13, 1843, d. Apr. 10, 1892, buried in Forest Hills Cem. Lucinda PETTITT had brother named George and a sister named Rebecca (Beck) who remained on the family farm in Halifax Co. Their father was William PETTITT, b. in VA in 1816, d. 1874, md. 1843 to Martha Ann HART, b. 1822 in Enfield and d. 1873.

—Janie M. JOHNSTON; 303 Grimmersburg St.; Farmville, NC 27828-1427.

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Seek fate of Ephraim SHOLAR who wed Mrs. Martha PUGE JAMES, widow of Rev. War Capt. John JAMES killed age 16 by Tories.

—J. A. L. MILLER, Jr.; 2810-K Carriage Drive; Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328 (910-723-0500)

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Need info. on Alvania EVANS, b. ca. 1833, m. Arthur AVERY/AVERETT, parents of Mary V. EVERETT (b. Aug. 21, 1851, d. May 26, 1925 in Pitt Co.).

—Shirleyan Beacham PHELPS; 5806 NC Hwy 32 South; Plymouth, NC 27962 9732 (919-793-5236).

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Matthew HILL, Sr., b. 1770s, d. 1840s. Children: Matthew Jr. (b. 1810), m. Eliza; Richard (b. ca. 1811); and Shadrick (b. ca. 1820) Lenoir Co., NC. Shadrick m. Winiford HOWARD? Their son James Henderson HILL, b. 1855, d. 1928, m. Mary Winiford SMITH, dau. of William Ivey SMITH and Winiford HARPER.

Kenneth Hill BRINSON; 284 Shoreline Drive; New Bern, NC 28562-9519 (919-636-2038).

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Request info on John POWELL, b. 1760?

—Arlene F. WILLS; 111a Manchester Drive; Raleigh, ND 27609-5155 (919-781-3625).

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William HARDEE, Sr., md. Nancy STOCKS Apr. 2, 1776. Came to Horry Co., SC, about 1805 from Pitt Co., NC. Born about 1754.

—James C. CAUSEY; 1407 Cox Ferry Road; Conway, SC 29528 (803-347-3352).

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Name of John JACKSON's (b. 1748, d. 1812) wife or wives. Was he in Revolutionary War? He is buried in the Jackson Cemetery in Pitt Co., NC.

—Anne KINKER; 1930 Camborne Rd.; Richmond, VA 23236-2125 (804-745-0615).

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Need information on Joyner SPAIN who was a freed slave and has a date of cohabitation for marriage purposes. Joyner SPAIN "married" Mariah BROWN (1861).

—Oscar D. TEEL; 17870 Frondoso Dr.; San Diego, CA 92128-1319.

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Wiley BRILEY, b. May 1, 1838 in Pitt Co., md. 1) Mary Ann \_\_\_\_\_, ca. 1858 (1850 census). He md. 2) Frances DAVENPORT ca. 1879. Need Mary Ann's maiden name.

—Bea HUDSON; 138 Glenwood Rd.; Hampton, VA 23660-1824 (757-851-2681) e-mail:

SLOWM@AOL.COM.

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Seeking information on Hardee/Hardy MAY, ca. 1795–ca. 1845, of Pitt Co. and his wife Gattice/Gatsey. Also their son William Loys MAY, b. July 1833, d. in 1903 in Greene Co., who married 1st Esther Susan BOWEN, and 2nd Caroline MANNING.

—Bill MURPHY; Route 6, Box 237; Tarboro, NC 27886 (919-823-8466).

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Looking for the parents of Elizabeth EVERETT/AVERITT/AVERY, b. circe 1833, md. Japeth TYSON, s/o Moses and Charlotte TYSON. They lived near Greenville, NC. Elizabeth died Oct. 7, 1875 and Japeth died in 1905.

—Jim ANGLIM; 19 Beechwood Terrace; Matawan, NJ 07747-3071 (732-566-0730) e-mail:

JimAnglim@aol.com.

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Seeking ancestors of John WINGATE who m. Frances SMITH, dau. of Abraham SMITH who d. ca. 1823 in Pitt Co. After John's death (probably between 1827–1830), Frances m. William ANTHONY in Craven Co. in 1830 and moved to Grayson Co., VA, with four Wingate children: John, Wright, Melissa (Polly), and Elizabeth. Rumor has it that a son, possibly named William, remained in Pitt Co. I have information about them after they arrived in VA and would like to correspond with anyone who has knowledge of this family in Pitt Co.

—Clevie H. WINGATE; 467 Mt. Zion Rd.; Elk Creek, VA 24326.

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Seeking (with others) parents of William (Billy) ROSS, b. ca. 1792, d. ca. 1859, Pitt Co., NC; m. ca. 1820 Rebecca ROLLINS. Also seeking parents of Rebecca ROLLINS, b. ca. 1795/6, thought by some to be daughter of Charles ROLLINS. [2 queries combined, due to length].  
—F. Claiborne JOHNSTON; 7009 Lakewood Dr.; Richmond, VA 23229.

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Searching for parents of James McKEEL, b. 1802, Beaufort Co., NC. He md. Dorcas WALKER, b. 1800, Beaufort (?). I cannot find her parents either.  
—Alisa McKEEL OTTAVIANO; 2372 Qume Drive Suite E; San Jose, CA 95131-1843 (408-954-0338).

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Seeking data on John ALLEN, a farmer, b. late 1800s in Nash Co., NC, was married to Lurinda PULLEY. Also seeking data on David (Bud) PETTIFORD, b. late 1800s in Nash Co., was md. to Geneva HEDGEPEETH. [2 queries combined, due to length].  
—Leamond Anthony ALLEN; 4210 South Artesian Ave., 2nd floor; Chicago, IL 60632-1204 (773-254-2903).

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Seeking descendants or information on Elias PHELPS, b. 1826 NC, md. 1848 Gilda WADFORD, b. 1824. Living Pitt Co. 1870, Wilson Co. in 1900. Where in 1850, 1860, 1880, 1910? Children: Caroline, b. 1851, md. James L. ELKS in 1870, d. 1911 in Pitt Co.; Martha; Susan, b. 1854; Lizzie, md. Frank P. POLLARD (d. 1926 Pitt Co.); Sarah, b. 1861; Georgana, b. 1865, md. ELLIS. Any obituaries, Bible records available? Will share and pay for copies received.  
—Virginia H. STULTZ; 960 W. Elva St.; Idaho Falls, ID 83402 (208-523-1780)

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Seeking data on my 3rd-g-granmother, Sarah TYER/TYLER, b. 1772–94, Pitt Co., NC. Her 5 brothers were martyrs in Rev. War. Her guardian was Isaac CARREL, Sr., of Pitt Co. Sarah md. Anthony WILLIAMS, ca. 1790–92. A son Newton, b. 1802. Anthony, Sarah, & Newton migrated to Georgia about 1810. Other relations were Richard and Nancy Heath; John Newton; and Anne, Charles, George, and Isaac WILLIAMS/WILLIAMSON. Isaac was father of Anthony.  
—John Gordan WILLIAMS 025154; P. O. Box 221, Y-11 Union Correctional Institution; Raiford, FL 32083-0221.

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Seeking info. re William J. BAKER, b. ca. 1803, and wife Marinda MOORE, b. ca. 1814. They were parents of Laura Arcena BAKER and 7 other children. Any help appreciated.  
—Lisa HOPPER (NICHOLS); 4212 Azalea Dr.; Raleigh, NC 27612 (919-781-0426) e-mail 72263.3155@compuserve.com, or LNHopper@aol.com.

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William Spain, N.C. to Missouri. [Editor's note: This query is too short and cryptic to be useful. Would the contributor please provide more information, such as a time-frame, or other actual datum?]

—Larry M. BRIZENDINE; 1518 e. @8th Terr; Lawrence, KS 66046-5125 (913-841-3763)

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DENMARK, R. S., William Batchelor, 1762 in Pitt Co., NC, Aug. 1766 w/wife, Mary MOYE. Sister Abigail DENMARK md. William Mills TRAVIS in 1752. Seeking any info. on the DENMARK/MOYE/TRAVIS families. Also: Elinor and Thomas PINKET, 1750, Tar River NC. All letters answered.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Steven Daniel DENMARK; 15901 23rd Ave. SW; Seattle, WA 98166-2645.

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# PITT COUNTY WILLS

A collection of old wills contributed by Roger Kammerer. Transcribed by Elizabeth Ross.

## WILL OF JOHN SPEIR, 1760

From the Secretary of State Papers, NC Archives. This will was probated in Craven Co., NC, but John Speir was of Pitt County. The archaic script is especially difficult to read. His widow (step-mother of these children) left a will, also included in this issue.

Knowing the unceertain Estate of this Transitory Life and that all flesh must yeald unto Death when itt shall p\_\_\_ [please?] the allmighty God to Caul do make and Declare this my Last will and Testement in manner and forme following—

Item I Give and bequeath to my Loveing wife Elizabeth SPEIR one Neagrow boy Slave David and one feather bed which she now lies on with all the furnetur thereunto belonging sheats blanckitt & rugg give bedsted boulster and pillows one rideing horse Cracking and Side Sadle Bridell and Cloth and all the Cattell and hoggs and Hoarse runing or belonging to the red banck plantation of my one property which Said Neagrow David fether bed and furniture horse Saddell Cattell and hoggs and Hearse [? horse] is to her and her heirs for Ever

I further leave to my wife tenn pound in Silver and Gold to her and her heirs for Ever itt is further my will that all my horses and mares that is not given be Equelley Devided in two parts by the Discretion of my Exectors and one part to my wife and the other part to my Daughtour Clare HARDEE too them and their for Ever — I further Leave thee use of Six hudred and twelve acres of Land Calld the red bancks four hudred and twelve acres in Deed in my one name and two hudred purchest of Richard HARRIS to my wife Elizbeth SPEIR Dureing her Naturell life and noe longer and after he Deseas to my Daughter Cleare HARDEE to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her boddy for Ever I further leave the use of four Neagrows Slaves to my wif Elzth. SPEIR Dureing her Naturell life and noe longer to Cultivate the aforesaid land Tony Dick nanney Sandy \_\_\_ [word lost in fold] after her Desease I bequeath the said land and four Neagrows Slaves tony Dick nanney Sandey and there increase to my Daughter Cleare HARDEE to her and her heirs Lawfully begotten of her boddy forEver

Item I give and bequeath to my Loveing Daughter Patience JEFFREYES five Neagrows Slaves Jack Judee Sam hannah and yong Judee and tenn pounds in silver and gold and their increas to her and her and heirs forEver—

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughtour Cleare HARDEE all my land in North Carolina or Elsewhere that is not already Given five hundred and twenty three acres of land is by pattennt in Isral JOYNERs name which I bought of Silvenus PUMPHRY Ju'r. and Capt John HARDEE and the JOYNERs and Thomas JORDAN which will appear by the records of this County and one hundred and fifty bought of Silvenus PUMPHREY Senr. and three hundred and ninty acres in my one [own] name Cauld PARKERs by Deed which Said land is to her and her heirs Lawfully begott of her boddy forEver —

Item that all my household Goods and working tools be them of what natour or kind foever be Equelly Devided by the Discretion of my Exetr. in two parts that is say all my bedds chears chists truncks puter brass copper glasses potiron and all other household goods and my wife Eliza. SPEIR to have the use of one part Dureing her Naturell life and noe longer and after her Desease to Clare HARDEE and her heirs for Ever and the other part to Clare HARDEE to her and her heirs for Evere It is my will that any marchent Disring [desiring?] Goods be Sold by my Exetr. att publick vandew to the higest gidders for Six month Credit with good Securitey for money and all and all the Debts Due to my Estate and all my ready money is to pay all my Lawfull Debts in Norh Carolina or Elsewhere by my Exetr. and all the money remaining to be Equelly Devided between Apseyey HOLLAND and Clare HARDEE to them and their heirs for Ever and Ever after my Debts be paid and appoint my Brother William SPEIR John SPEIR Junr. and Capt. Elexander STEWART my hole and sole Executors of this my Last will and Testement in witness whereof I have sett my hand and fixed





my Seall 8th Day of [November, overwritten to say Inury] 1760

Wm SPEIR

Alexr. STEWART

John SPEIR junr.

John SPEIR

New Bern \_\_\_\_\_ [illeg. word inserted] Nov'b. Sup'r. Co't. 1767

Geo. MOYE & Henry COOPER appeared in Co't. & made Oath that they are well acquainted with the Hand Writing of John SPEIR the Testator & that They verily beleeve the name signed John SPEIR to the foregoing instrument is his proper Hand Writing.

Amb. Cox BAYLEY C. S.C.

### **WILL OF WALTER DIXON, 1767**

From the Boyd Family Papers, ECU Manuscript Collection #253.1, Joyner Library, Greenville, NC.

N. Carolina Pitt County I Walter DIXON of the Province & County aforesaid Calling to mind the mortality of this Present Life do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament — vz't In promise I Recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discession of my Executors and as to what Worldley Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with all I give and bequeath in manner & form following viz't —

Item Unto my beloved wife Elizabeth DIXON I Lend my mannow Plantation to gether with all the utensels for husbandry during her widdowhood

Item Unto the heirs of my Son John DIXON deceased I Give & bequeath ten shillings proclamation money to be Equally divided among them —

Item Unto my Son Walter DIXSON I give & bequeath my Large Common prayer Book —

Item Unto my Daughter Rachel Now Rachel TINDLE I give & bequeath five pounds proclamation money

Item Unto my Son William DIXON I Give and bequeath one shilling proclamation money

Item Unto The heirs of my Daughter Sarah MUNDINE I give & bequeath One Shilling proclamation money

Item unto my Son Edward DIXON I Give and bequeath Eight pounds ten Shillings procl. money

Item unto my Daughter Prissilla DIXON I Give and bequeath one feather Bead & Furniture One Cow and Calf and Ewe and Lamb

Item unto my Daughter Elizabeth now Elizabeth BALDWYN I Give and bequeath Ten pounds proclamation money

Item unto my Son Rolan DIXON I give and bequeath Thirty pounds proclamation money

Item Unto my daughter Susannah DIXON I give and bequeath one feather Bead and furniture one Cow and Calf & one Ewe and Lamb

and in order to discharge legaces which are to be paid in money, I Will that One Tract of Land that I bought of Cap. Seth PILKINGTON be Sold at publick Sale and at the marriage or decease of my wife I Will that my Manno<sup>w</sup> Plantation Together with all my horses Cattle hoggs sheep &c &c be sold at publick Vendue & after my debts are paid The Residue of my Estate to be Equally devided between my daughters Priscilla DIXON & Susannah DIXON —

Furthermore I leave my Son Walter DIXON my Son in Law William BALDWYN Jun'r. & my friend John SIMPSON to be my whole & Sole Executors of this my Last Will and testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal this 7th day of march 1767

Signed Sealed & delivered

In presents of

Thomas DIXSON

John SIMPSON

his

Hen'r X MOORE

mark

John BOWERS

Walter DIXON {Seal}



State of North Carolina

Pitt County —

I George EVANS Clerk of the County Court do hereby Certify the within to be a true Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Walter DIXON Taken from the Original which is filled in the Clerks office Given under my hand at office in Greenville this 4th day of march AD 1823.

George EVANS Clk

**WILL OF JOHN FILLINGHAM, SENR., 1771**

From the Secretary of State Papers, NC Archives. The cover fold of this will is unusual, and especially valuable, as it reveals the date of birth of the testator. The clerk never dotted the first "i" in the name Fillingham, so it is interpreted in this transcription as Fellingham.

Cover fold:

The last Will & Testament of John Fellingham Senr  
aged 79 the 3 July 1771

In the name of God Amen I John FELLINGHAM Senr. of Pitt County in the Province of North Carolina being at this time by the blessing of God In health of body & of sound mind & memory but knowing that it is appointed for all Men to Die and that the time & manner thereof is uncertain, Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following. And first & primemally I recommend my Soul lunto the hand of God hoping for Mercy & forgiveness through the Merits of my Redeemer, —

I desire that my Body may be decently buried at the descretion of my Executors herein after named. And as to what Wordly Goods it has pleased God to bestow upon me, I dispose thereof as follows—

Item I Lend to my beloved Wife Margaret FELLINGHAM the use of all my Negroes Stocks of Cattle Hogs and Houshold Goods during the Time of her natural Life And after her decease I Give to my Son John FELLINGHAM my Negro Woman calld Luce: I gie my Son Robert FELLINGHAM one Negro Boy calld Jim. I give to my Son Samuel FELLINGHAM one Negroe Boy calld Nace and one feather Bed & Bed Clothes. I give to my Son Jarvis FELLINGHAM one Negr. Boy calld Jeremy one Bed & furniture and one Gun. I give to my Son Benjamin FELLINGHAM one Negr Girl calld Bess and one feather Bed & furniture and one Gun. I Give to my Daughter Mathew WHITE one shilling I give to my Daughter Mary HAYS one shilling. The residue of my Estate after my Wifes decease I give to be equally divided to and aong my five Sons. And I hereby nominate & appoint my Sons John & Robert FELLINGHAM Executors of this my last Will hereby revoking & disanulling all former Will or Wills by me made and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal this eleventh day of Novembr in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one

Signd seald &

publishd —

in presence of

Josiah LITTEL

Alexr STEWART

his  
John FELLINGHAM Senr {Seal}  
mark

The within last Will and Testament of John FELLINGHAM was proved before me this 22d. day of Decr. 1773 by the Oath of Josiah LITTEL one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who swore that he was present & did see the Testator sign seal publish and declare the same to be and contain his last Will and Testament and that at time thereof he was of sound & disposing Mind & Memory and John & Robert FELLINGHAM the Executors in the said Will named having the oaths of Executors and qualified agreeable to Law It is ordered that letters Testamentary issue thereon accordingly—

Jo. MARTIN





## WILL OF WILLIAM WATKINS, 1771

From the Secretary of State Papers, NC Archives.

In the name of God Amen I William WATKINS of Pitt County in the Province of North Carolina Planter being in a Weak low State of health & calling to mind the uncertainty of this life Do therefore make this my last Will & Testament Revokeing & disannulling All other & former Wills by me heretofore made, And first I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me hoping through the Merits of Jesus Christ to Obtain everlasting Salvation, And my Body I desire to be buried in a Christian like manner, And as to my Worldly Estate I dispose of it in manner & form following, to wit,

I give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Christian WATKINS & to my two Sons John WATKINS & William WATKINS & to my four Sons in Law Francis BUCK, James CASON, William ORMOND & James JONES all my Ready money that I leave at the time of my Death to be Equally divided between them Share & Share alike

And Whereas I have Some time ago made & Executed in an open & lawful manner Deeds of Gift to my Sons & Sons in Law for my Land & Plantation & all my Negroes & my Still & Worm which was then immediately before the Execution of the said Deeds my Right & Property & which was done Agreeable to & by & with the free & mutual Consent & Agreement of my aforesaid Wife & Sons & Sons in Law, And my said Wife as I married her a Poor Woman without any Estate at all, at the same time Agreed & Concluded to Renounce & quit all manner of Wright or Dower in or to the said Land & Plantation in two of the aforesaid Deeds mentioned either in Law or equity or any other ways howsoever or Condition that I Would leave her at the time of my Death the one third part of all my Personal Estate except the Negros the Still and the Worm. Therefore I do hereby Give bequeath in behalf of the said Agreement as also for the love that I bear unto my said Wife Christian Watkins to her & her heirs forever The one third part of all my personall Estate of all kinds whatsoever except the Ready money already Given and —

And I do hereby Give & bequeath unto my said Sons ~~John Watkins & William Watkins~~ in law Francis BUCK & James CASON the other two thirds of all my personal Estate of all kinds whatsoever except the ready money already given to be equally divided between them Share & Share alike And the reason why I Give no more to my Sone John & William WATKINS & to my Sons in Law William ORMOND & James JONES is because I have heretofore provided for them in the before mentioned Deeds of Gifts —

I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah BUCK one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain

I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth one Shilling

I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Ann one Shilling

I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Rachael one Shilling & the Reason is because I have provided for them in the name of their Husbands in the aforesiad Deeds of Gifts — Lastly I appoint my beloved Wife & my Son in Law James CASON Executrix & Executor of this my last Will & Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal this Ninth day of November Anno Domini 1771

Signed Sealed published & delared

by the Testator to be his last will

& Testament in the presence of us

Catharine CROFTON

her mark

John SALTER

Randel McDANIEL

Wm WATKINS {Seal}

The within last Will and Testament of William WATKINS was proved Before me this fourteenth day of October 1773 by the Oath of John SALTER one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who swore that he was present and did see the said Testator sign Seal publish and declare the same to be and





contain his last Will and Testament and that at the time thereof he was of sound and disposing Mind & Memory And James CASON the Executor therein named having taken the Oaths of Executors and qualified as the Law directs It is ordered that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon accordingly

Jo. MARTIN

### WILL OF ELIZABETH SPEIR, 1773

From the Secretary of State Papers, NC Archives.

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Speir of the province of No Carolina & County of Pitt Being being very Sick & weak of Body But of Sound & perfect mind & memory Blessed be God for it Do this Twenty ninth Day of October & in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy three make & ordain This my Last will & Tastament In manner & form following,

Item I give to & Nephew Joseph WARREN Junr Son of my brother Joseph WARREN Two Negro men one Called old Tom & the other Called young Tom to him his Heirs & assigns —

Item I give to my Nephew Mary MEESEL [Mizzelle] Three Negros—Loucy David & Patt to her & her Heirs & asignes & my Riding Horse & Sadle — Item I give to my Nephew William SMYDICK [Smithwick] Son of Mary SMYDICK Two Cows & Calves Two Sows & Shates one Bed & furniture I further Desire that His mother Shall have the use of the Cattle & Bed & furniture as Long as She Lives — Item I give to John SMYDICK Son of Ormond SMYDICK Two Cows & Calves—

Item I give to Famaler SMYDICK Daughter of David SMYDICK Two Cows & Calves — Item I give to Leza WARREN Daughter of Edward one Cow & Calfe — Item I give to Mary MEESEL Daughter of Mark MEESEL one mair Called Jean one Bed & furniture Item I give to my Nephew Elizabeth WARREN Daughter of Joseph WARREN one Bed & Furniture — Item I give to Samuel SMYDICK Son of Mary SMYDICK one mair Called Juel and one Bed & furniture & all my Cattle that is not already Given to be Equally Devided Between him and his Brother Edward SMYDICK — I also Give to above Named Famaler SMYDICK one Bed & furniture —

Item I give to James SCOTT Brother of Mathew SCOTT Deceased one mair Called Pol & one Silver Watch if he Comes for them & if he Should Never Come for them that my Nephew Mary MEESEL & her Son William MEESEL Shall have the Said mair & watch —

Item I give all the Remainder of my Estate Both with in Doors & without To Mary MEESEL Daughter of Marke MEESEL & Elizabeth WARREN Daughter of Joseph WARREN Junr. to be Equally Devided between them — I also Give to my Nephew William SMYTHICK one mair Called Pegion & one new gun —

My Will & Desire is that young Tom my Negro fellow keeps for his one [own] Use one Black Horse Called Boling & one gun & that my Negro David has for his one [own] use one gun & one Horse Colt Called Cracking —

My will & Desire is that all my Hoggs & Corn be Sold to the best advantage & the money so arising after my Debts is paid to be Equally Devided Between Mark MEESELS Children & Joseph WARREN Junr. Children William SMYDICK & Famalar SMYDICK & that money & what I shall have by me to be Carefully put out at Intrest tell [till] the Children Comes to age to Act for them Selves —

I heareby apoint my Nephews Marke MEESEL & Joseph WARREN Junr. Executors of this my Last will & Tastament In witness Whearof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the Day & Year above Written acknowledged pronounced & Declared to be my Last will & Tastament Dissalowing & revokeing all other wills by me maid —

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged  
in the presents of  
Geo EVANS  
John HARDEE  
Major HARRIS

Elizabeth SPER



The within last Will and Testament of Elizabeth SPER was proved before me this Twenty third day of March 1774. by the Oath of Major HARRIS one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, who Swore that he saw the Testator Sign Seal Publish and declare the same to be and contain her last Will and Testament and that at the time thereof she was of sound disposing mind and memory. Mark MEESEL and Joseph WARREN Junr. the Executors therein named took the Oaths appointed for their Qualification. — Ordered that Letters Testamentary issue thereon accordingly. —

Jo. MARTIN

### **WILL OF SAMUEL WARREN, 1805**

From the John A. Cobb Collection, PC.145.1, NC Archives.

In the name of God Amen I Samuel WARREN of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being very Sick but thank God of undisturbed mind and Memory doth this 16th .day of March 1805. make and ordain the following to be my last Will and Testament. & first I give and bequeath unto Samuel Warren Son of Ethedred WARREN after the decease of my Mother Amy BONNER one hundred acres of land to be laid off at the upper end of the two hundred acres that my Mother Amy BONNER now lives on adjoining John Warrens land so as not to take any of the buildings to him and his heirs for ever in fee. — Secondly I give and bequeath after my decease unto my beloved Wife Rhoda WARREN all the rest of my Estate both Real and personal after paying my just debts to her and her heirs forever — thirdly and lastly I choose constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Rhoda WARREN and my trusty friend Isaac BROWN Executrix and Executor to this my last Will and Testament revokeing all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofor Written or made In Witness whereof I the Said Samuel WARREN hath hereunto Set my Hand and Seal the day and date first above Written.

Signed Sealed and  
acknowledged in presence  
of. Allen ATKINSON  
Etheldred WARREN  
Mary Ann ATKINSON

his  
Samuel X WARREN {Seal}  
mark

### **WILL OF HENRY WILLIAMSON, 1830**

From the William Blount Rodman Papers, #PC.76, Box 12; NC Archives.

North Carolina. Pitt County In the name of God amen I Henry WILLIAMSON of the state and county aforesaid Being in a Loe State of Helgth But of Sound Disposing mind and memery Do hereby constitute and ordaine this to Be my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and Dis anulling all other Wills in manner following Item I give and Bequeth to my beloved wife Charlotte WILLIAMSON one negro woman named aliss [or alif] one girl named amey one Boy Reuben one Boy allen one Boy Bennet one boy John one Boy nathan two Mares and Inceas of th above if any from the assignment of this Will and one Riding Chare and gear two Chests one Linnin Wheel one Cotten Wheel th two feather Beds and furniture one Pair of Platt Irons half Dosen Silver Spoons & also give two othere small negros Children By name amy [ or amos?] and Edmon Which Children of the above Woman aliss [alif] the above to her the said Charlotte WILLIAMSON to her and her heirs and asignes for Ever

I now Lend unto my Said wife my Land Plantation and Improve ments Which I may Die Seised and possessed off also all my property which I may not here after Devise to her During her Life and Widowhood

Item I give and bequeth to Williamson PEAL (with \_\_\_\_\_ [illeg. word, looks like arelerace] of use to my said wife her Life time one negro girl named Lucy with all her Increase she may Ever have to him his heirs and asignes foever

my Will and Desire is after the Death of my Said Wife my Land which I have Lend lent her then be





Sold by my Executor in the following manner at Publik Sale on a credit of six months for one half and twelve months for the other half it may Bring and the money arising there from to be thirdded in the following manner first third my desire is to go Henry Williamson MARTIN Son of Mary MARTIN of Richmond Virginia in case he the Said Henry lives to the age of twenty one years or Should have a child Lawfully Begotten of his Body the other two thirds of Said Sale of my Lands for one hundred Dollars to go to Elisabeth Jefferson McCOY of portsmouth Virginia and the Ballance to go Winifred PRICE (Wife of thomas PRICE of Alabama and Lydia GUALTNEY of this county to Be Equally Devided Between them or theare heirs and asignes my Desire is further at my Death that my negro man Martha Be valued a fare Price and have the Liberty of Chusing Som [?] Person to give the Said value for him and further Desire that man abel Washington and Woman Rose if it should Be there choice to stay with my Said Wife During her life or widowhood or if it Shood not Be there choice to stay with her that all of them or Eather of them have th same privilege as Martha above has or at my Wifes Death they Be alowed the Same in Choosing and Be valued in like manner as above my will and desire is further that my Executor Raise as soon as convinient with out Being too very Streaineous or those who may have to pay money to my Estate and Pay over to the following named Persons Say to the children of Nancy JOHNSON to wit Lydia Salley Elsy and Susan Elizabeth STANCIL, Moses COBB Sampson COBB Charly COBB, Allen MOBBLY Christian HARROD Elizabeth WOOTON Salley COBB Wife of Amos COBB to Each of these named one hundred ~~dollars~~ a Share also three Hundred Dollars to Be Equally Devided Between Betsey MOBLY Matilda GAY Susan GAY Lucinda UTLY and Willey MOBLY also to Sally LEWIS fifty Dollar further my Desire is that Stephen COBB Gray COBB Senr [?] Jonas COBB Edward COBB James [?] LEWIS Elizabeth SMITH rellatives of my former Wife one hundred Dollars to Each of those Last named and Should there still Remain a Residue after Defraying Such Expences as may acruie my Desire and will is that my Executor Would take the trouble to go after and Sea the child Henry Williamson MARTIN and take care of him and give him a reasonable Education and have him genteelley Raised and Should he Live agreeable to the Insertions as above in this my will I hereby Place all confidence in my Executor to act and to do for this child as though I could be spared to act my selfe for him and Place my Residue to his Benifit if he lives to See the age above and if he shood not live to the age above my Executor Should Pass all those Provision to Lydia ~~Gr~~ GUALTNEY and her heirs and asignes for Ever and finily I Do constitute and apoint Collel Samuel VINES Executor to this my Last Will and Testament and in case of his Death I hereby nominate and apoint John JOINER Esquire in Testamony whareof I have here unto Sett my hand and Seal this 6 day of November AD 1830

True Coppy

in presents of  
James PARKER  
John CARR

Signed (Henry WILLIAMSON) Will

a copy of H WILLIAMSON Witt [Will] of Pitt County NC

## BANISHED

From the *State Gazette of NC*, Apr. 9, 1789. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

The inhabitants of the counties of Edgecomb, Martin and Pitt, where their lines intersect each other, do hereby certify, that a set of obnoxious characters have been driven out from amongst us for the baneful practice of stealing horses; cattle; hogs, &c. and for breaking open and plundering houses, kitchens, &c. Their names are as follow: From Edgecomb, Roderick LLOYD, Frederick BEEL, Abraham TENNISON, Sen. Absalom TENNISON, Abraham TENNISON, Jun. Jacob TENNISON, Wm. TYLER, Peter TYLOR, Thomas TYLOR, John STATON and Charles STATON. —From Pitt, John WORSLEY, James WORSLEY, Petman WORSLEY and James WHITE. — —From their confession it appears that they are in league with like characters in other parts of this state, and in South-Carolina and Georgia. It is hereby earnestly requested, that if any such confederacies should be ousted, that we may have notice thereof in like manner, in order to prevent inposition in future.



# PITT COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS

Contributed by Roger Kammerer and Elizabeth Ross.



*Four Pitt County Marriage Bonds survive in the NC Archives, and are given below.*

## **State of North-Carolina, Pitt County**

*To any regular licensed Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, GREETING:*

WHEREAS, John JOINER & Joel WINGATE hath entered into bonds, in the Clerk's office of the County aforesaid, that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a Marriage intended to be solemnized between him and Celia BRAXTEN of said County: These are therefore to authorize and empower you, or any of you, to celebrate and solemnize the rights of Marriage between the said John JOINER and Celia BRAXTEN and join them together as Man and Wife, in Holy Matrimony.

Given under my hand seal of said office, at Greenville the 14th day of November A.D. 1829

James SHEPPARD Clk

By Archd. PARKER D.C.

## **State of North-Carolina, Pitt County**

*To any regular Minister of the Gospel having the Cure of Souls, of whatever Denomination, or Justice of the Peace of said County.*

You, or any of you, are hereby licensed and authorised to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between Joseph SMITH and Elizabeth JOINER of said County, and join them together as Man and Wife.

WITNESS, James SHEPPARD Clerk of Pitt County Court, the 26th day of January in 53 year of American Independence, Anno Domini 1829.

James SHEPPARD Clk

## **The State of North-Carolina, Pitt County**

*To any regular licensed Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, GREETING:*

WHEREAS, Hillary CANNON hath entered into bond, in the Clerk's office of the County of Pitt, that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a Marriage, intended to be solemnized, between him and Patsey HARREL of said County. These are, therefore, to authorize and empower you, or any of you, to celebrate and solemnize the rights of marriage, between the said Hillery CANNON and Patsey HARREL and join them together as Man and Wife, in Holy Matrimony.

WITNESS, James SHEPPARD Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions, of the County aforesaid, at Greenville the 7 day of March A.D. 1826.

James SHEPPARD Clk

## **State of North-Carolina, Pitt County**

*To any regular Minister of the Gospel having the Cure of Souls, of whatever Denomination, or Justice of the Peace of said County.*

You, or any of you, are hereby licensed and authorised to celebrate and solemnize the Rites of Matrimony between Kelly HARRELL and Wealthy PARTRICK of said County, and join them together as Man and Wife.

WITNESS, Archibald PARKER Clerk of the County Court, the fifteenth day of May in the 57 year of American Independence, Anno Domini 1833.

Archd. Parker CCC

Will.a. Ferrell

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*Other marriage bonds have been saved, and/or recorded in other collections of official and private papers. The following original bond is filed with a NC Supreme Court Case, #5888 in the NC Archives.*

**State of North Carolina. Pitt County**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE Frederick CHAPMAN & Canon STOCKS are held and firmly bound unto the State of North Carolina, in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, current money to be paid ~~to the said State~~ [struck thru]. To the which payment well and truly to be made to the said State, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 28th day of February A.D. 1839. THE CONDITION of the above Obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden Frederick CHAPMAN hath made application for a License for a Marriage intended to be had and solemnized between him and Salley WHITE of the county aforesaid. Now in case it shall not appear, ~~at any time~~ [struck thru] hereafter, that there is any impediment or lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, and delivered  
in presence of  
Archd. PARKER

Frederick CHAPMAN  
By Canon STOCKS

SEAL.  
SEAL.

Salley WHITE

I certify that ~~^the female named in the bond hereunto annexed,^~~ is over fifteen years of age.  
Canon STOCKS

*Attached to above record was following handwritten certification:*

State of North Carolina, Pitt County.

I William D. MOYE Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, hereby Certify that the above is a Correct Copy of the Marriage License Bond, filed in my office of Frederick CHAPMAN Marriage the 28th day of February A.D. 1839.

Given under my hand & seal  
of office at Greenville the 14h day  
of April A.D. 1847.  
William D. MOYE C.C.C.

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*The following Beaufort County bond was found in the William Fleming Little Collection #316.1, East Carolina University Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library. It deals with Pitt County people.*

**State of North-Carolina**

*To any regular Minister of the Gospel having the Cure of Souls, or to any Justice of the Peace of the County of Beaufort, GREETING:*

WHEREAS, the pre requisites of the Law having been complied with—These are, therefore, to authorize and empower you, to celebrate the rites of Marriage between Washington VENTERS and Sophia Ann BUCK of the said County; and the the said Washington and Sophia Ann being so joined together in Holy Matrimony, pronounce Man and Wife, according to the usages of your Church; and this shall be your suffiecient License for so doing.

Witness, William ELLISON, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the said County, the 22 day of August 1831 and the LV year of the Independence of said State

Wm ELLISON Clerk

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**SURPRISE MARRIAGE [#1]**

**Married.** A surprise marriage took place in Winterville Sunday. Mr. Will CARROLL and Miss Sallie I. TRIPP, assisted by Elder PHILLIPS, thought to surprise the community by getting married, but they where surprised themselves instead for on reaching the church they found a crowded house awaiting their arrival. Things will out. (*Daily Reflector*, Mar. 21, 1898, Mon.)

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# TWO INFORMATIVE DEPOSITIONS

Located in the Secretary of State Papers, SS. 744, Suspended Grants, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer. Editor's Note: The Waller Dixon mentioned in this document was undoubtedly Walter Dixon, with the "t" not crossed.



State of North Carolina July 24th 1782

The Deposition of Ann DIXON next of Kin and Natural Guardian to Jeremiah DIXSON Orphan and Heir at Law to John DIXON late of Pitt County dec'd shewth That John DIXON in his life Entered and Surveyed a Tract of Land in Pitt County containing ~~three~~ Two hundred Acres or thereabouts on the South side of Tar River & South East side of Cat Tail Branch that by the death of the said John without will the same descended to Waller DIXON as Heir at Law to your Deponants Husband John which said Waller fell in the service of the United States, that by the Death of the said Waller the same descended to William DIXON the Eldest Brother of the said Waller which said William was also Killed in Service of his Country by which death the same descended to the said Jeremiah DIXON as Heir at Law to the said ~~Reuben~~ William & to his father John, that by means of their being in the Army during the Time of Opening the Land Office and by Means of their deaths therein they had it not in their powers to Enter the same tho justly entitled thereto that notwithstanding their Legal Claim of the said Jeremiah that Notwithstanding a certain Benjamin BUCK hath entered and surveyed as Your Deponant believes the same She therefore Prays Your Excellency to Suspend the execution of the Grant to the afsd. Benja. and Grant a Trial thereupon & she will pray

Sworn to before me

James GORHAM JP

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Sir Suspend the Grant for the with in Land, and notify a Caveat to the Court accordingly

Alex MARTIN

The Hon'ble James GLASGOW

20 October 1782



The following deposition over a land dispute, located in the NC Archives, Series DSCR, Box 206.403.1, reveals the names and activities of some of our earliest settlers. Contributed by Roger Kammerer; transcribed by Elizabeth Ross.

State of North Carolina  
Pitt County — — —

3rd of April 1784.

In obedience to a Dedimus to us Directed form the Superior Court at Newbern we have well and truly Examined John WILLIAMS Esqr. who Diposeth on the holy Evangelist and Sayeth that upwards of Fifty years ago when he first Come to this River one Matthew CAPS Lived on this Land now in Dispute Between David DONAN & Absalom RODGERS and after that one Josiah LITTLE Surveyed a Tract of Land which he says he has often heard his father Say that he was with them when they Surveyed the Land & Since he has told me that a certain Turkey oak Standing on the River bank below any Clearing that was then made was the Corner tree of Mr. LITTLEs Land and this Dipponant further Sayeth that about the Date of 1738 he went to School & that a certain John LEE Erected the School the house wher the aforesaid Matthew CAPS Lived in when he first Come to the River & that the Said Land that the aforesaid CAPES Lives on has been Ever since been Conveyed from Person to Person under the authority of the aforesaid John LEE and this Dipponant further Sayeth that he has often heard his father Say that they Run a Direct Line from Coneto Creek to the Said Turkey oak on the River. —  
and this Dipponant further Sayeth Not.

John WILLIAMS

Sworn before us—  
Amos ATKINSON  
Robt GREMMER



# BIBLE RECORDS

## MOORING BIBLE

From photo copy of record pages in The Bible Collection, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer; transcribed by Elizabeth Ross.

### MARRIAGES

Arthur S. Mooring. To Martha E. C. Mayo — September 5th AD 1837.  
John Long. To Mary A. C. Mayo. March \_\_\_\_ [blank] AD 1836  
Virginia S. A. Mooring To William G. Turner. January 22d AD 1857  
Annie E. Long. To William H. Harrell. February 1st AD 1859  
Alice Maud Mooring to James N Moore February 9th AD 1881  
Nancy S. S. D. Coakley To John W. Mayo. July 23d AD 1812  
Mary Ann Long. To Henry Williams. February 2d AD 18\_\_ [torn, possibly 185\_]  
Pattie [or Pallie?] Turner To G A Vick. September 8th AD 1880  
William G Turner to Mollie E Taylor AD December 29th 188\_ [torn]

### BIRTHS

Arthur Staton Mooring. March 17th AD 1817  
Martha Elizabeth Coakley Mayo. December 19th AD 1821  
Virginia Susan Ann Mooring. October 5th AD 1839  
John Mooring. July 2nd AD 1842  
Mary Margaret Mooring. August 2nd AD 1846  
Martha Adelaide Mooring. August 3d AD 1849  
Leonidas Mooring. \_\_\_\_mber [torn] 17th AD 1852  
Alice Maud Mooring. September 11th AD 1854  
Alphonse C. Turner was born November 5th 1857  
Arthur Mooring Turner born June 4th 1859 died June 7th 1930  
Martha Rebecca Turner the daughter of Virginia and William G. Turner was born Nov. 6th 1861  
Wm Herbert Turner was born December 14th AD 1864  
Mary Carter Turner was born Sept 6th 1865 [?] [inserted: Mamie]  
Susan Ann Turner was born Oct. 31th 1867  
  
Louisa C. Mayo. May 9th AD. 1813.  
Benjamin C. Mayo. September 14th 1817 AD.  
Mary A. C. Mayo. October. 9th AD 1819.  
Annie Eliza the daughter of Mary A. C. & John Long February 1st AD. 1838.  
Mary Louisa the daughter of Mary A. C. & John Long September \_\_\_\_ [blank] A.D. 1840.  
Albert Sidney Moore the son of David H. Moore and Martha Adelaide was born Feb. the 4th 1873.  
Maggie Leona Moore was born July the 20th 1875.  
Nancy S. S. D. Mayo. 24th June AD. 1790.  
John W. Mayo. April 13th AD 1772.  
Sarah E. C. Mayo. February 21st AD. 1815.  
William C. Mayo. February 21st AD. [1819, overwritten 1823]  
Susan Caroline Turner was born May 24 1871  
Nathan M. Turner was born April 17 1879 died '58  
Maud Adelaide Turner was born Oct 1. 1876  
Virginia Vick was \_\_\_\_ [torn] June 26 1882

### DEATHS

John Hardy Mooring Son of John & Susanah Mooring of the County of Edgecombe N.C. died  
October 31st AD 1845 by the accidental discharge of a Gun in the hands of his friends. He  
was aged \_\_\_\_ [blank] Years \_\_\_\_ [blank] Months \_\_\_\_ [blank] days.  
Leonidas Mooring Son of Arthur S. and Martha E. C. Mooring died May 19th 1854 aged 7 year 8  
months & 2 days.





Arthur S. Mooring the Son of John & Susannah Mooring of Edgecombe County N.C. died June \_\_\_\_\_ [faint, possibly says June 5th 1857].

\_\_\_\_\_ [torn] Turner the son of \_\_\_\_\_ [torn] & Virginia his \_\_\_\_\_ [torn] December 23d 1851  
\_\_\_\_\_ [torn]

John W. Mayo. Son of Nathan & Julin Mayo. Died the 3d February — 1825. Aged 53. years.

Mary Louisa. the daughter of Mary Ann & John Long. Died \_\_\_\_\_ [blank]

Nancy S. S. D. Mayo departed this life 17th of June 1865

Sarah E. C. Mayo daughter of John W. Mayo & N. S. S. D. Mayo died November 16th 1865

Wm H Harrell (1867) departed this life Feb 8th

Susan Ann Turner died July 4th 1868

Margarett Mooring died May 29th 1871. age 24 years

Virginia A Turner died Nov 2nd. 74

#### Births

Enoch M. Vick (inserted: Marvin) son of G. A. & Martha R. Vick Born Oct. 22, 1883

#### Deaths

Martha R. Vick Daughter of W. G. & Virginia M. Turner Died Oct. 10, 1889

Martha E. C. Mooring Departed this life January 26th 1894

Maud. youngest daughter of Wm. G. and Virginia M. Turner. died Oct. 10th 1898. age 22 years. So young, so sweet, to die and leave us. Young sister.

Arthur Mooring Turner Son of W. G. & Virginia Mooring Died June 8, 1930

Joella Felton Turner Wife of A. M. Turner Sr. Died Oct. 1965

William Gaston Turner Son of Alfred Turner Death by his own hand. 1909.



### ROBERT BRIDGER BIBLE

From *Bible and Family Records of Bladen County, NC*, Vol. 2, 1983. Published by the Bladen County Historical Society from a photo copy; Bible published and sold by Daniel D. Smith, NY, 1820. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Robert Bridger and Nancy Moye was married February 24th, 1820, Wednesday

Joseph C. Bridger and Lunecey Forbes was married November 18th, 1846

R. L. Bridger and Emma J. Stone was married May 30th, 1878 by John N. Mints in Brunswick County, N.C.

Willie Wallace & Nancy Bridger was married January 12th, 1826

Elsey West Bridger the daughter of Joseph C. and Lunicy Bridger was borne February 1st, 1854

Adlade Bridger the daughter of Joseph C. and Lunicy Bridger was borne November 3rd, 1857

Charlie Oscar Bridger died Feb. 4th, 1938, Bladenboro, N.C., Bladen Co.

#### BIRTHS

Robert Bridger son of Joseph Bridger and Elsa his wife was bornd the 10th of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven

Nancy Bridger the wife of Robert Bridger was bornd February twenty seventh one thousand eight hundred and one

Joseph Craven Bridger son of Robert Bridger & Nancy his wife was bornd the 28th day of January 1821

Robert Bridger October 30th day 1822

Salley Ann Wallace the daughter of Willie Wallace & Nancy his wife was bourned in the year of our Lord the 2d of 1827

William W. Wallace the son of Willie Wallace & Nancy his wife was bourned 12th December in the year of our Lord 1828

Lunicey Forbes the daughter of Robert Forbes and Gracey his wife \_\_\_\_\_ [blank]



Lotay P. Wallace the daughter of W. Wallace & Nancy his wife was born February 27th in the year of our Lord 1831  
 George M. Wallace son of W. Wallace & Nancey his wife was born April the 12 day 1835  
 G<sup>L</sup>dien I. Wallace the son of Willie Wallace & Nancy his wife was born in the year of our Lord 1839 January the 10 day  
 Ned a black boy son of Harriet was born the 6th day of February 1821  
 Martha Jane Bridger was born the 2d day of August 1847  
 Robert L. Bridger the son of Joseph Bridger and Lunicey his wife was born the July 30th, 1847  
 Martha Jane Bridger the daughter of Joseph Bridger and Lunicy his wife was born August the 20 day 1847  
 Nicy F. Bridger the daughter of Joseph C. Bridger and Lunicey his wife was born 9 day January 1852  
 Lewis C. Hinson the son of John Hinson and Sarah his wife he was born November 3th 1849  
 Lunicy Bridger wife of Joseph C. Bridger departed this life on the 24th of May 1877  
 Joseph C. Bridger departed this life January the 6th A.D. 1887  
 Lunicy Forbes the daughter of Robert Forbes and Gracey was born the 8 day of December 1826  
 Joseph J. Bridger son of J. C. & Lunicey Bridger was born November 22nd, 1860  
 Henry C. Bridger son of J. C. & Lunicey his wife was born Nov. 22d 1865  
 Alfred Bridger son of J. C. Bridger & Lunicey his wife was born Nov. 18th, 1868

### STOKES BIBLE

Taken from a handwritten copy found in the Stokes file, Leonardo Andrea Collection, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. The notes state the bible was owned by W. G. Stokes and would be passed down to Mrs. Lillian Stokes Congleton, of Stokes, NC. The age of the bible was not given. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Calvin Stokes was born March 18, 1839  
 Thomas W. Stokes born Dec. 30th AD 1834  
 Mary Stokes born March 15th AD 183\_\_  
 Lucretia Stokes born January 21 AD 184\_\_  
 Josephus Stokes born October 14 AD 1851  
 Marcellus M. Stokes born July 14th 1861  
 William G. Stokes born October 14th 1866  
 Doremus L. Stokes was born March 25th 1868 and died June 29th 1879  
 Margaret A. Stokes wife of Calvin Stokes born Nov. 5th 1837 died Mch 12 1885  
 Miss Addie Perkins wife of W. G. Stokes born Nov. 27th 1868

### THE ISAAC BALDREE BIBLE

From photocopies of the original record pages contributed by Charles Baldree of Greenville, NC.

#### MARRIAGES

Isaac Bauldree and Christian Loving was married the 10th day of June 1819  
 Elias A. Baldree and Susan E. Vinson Daughter of Andrew Vinson was married May the \_\_ 1861  
~~Christian Bauldree Daughter of Isaac Bauldree was born the 7th day of March AD 1819~~  
 Johnnie Arnold

#### BIRTHS

Christian Bauldree wife Isaac Bauldree was born the 7 day of March AD — 1804  
 Elizabeth Bauldree Daughter of Isaac Bauldree and Christian his wife was born the 30th day of January AD 1821  
 Emilina Bauldree Daughter of Isaac Bauldree and Christian his wife was born the 27th day of March AD — 1824



Arnold Bauldree son of Isaac Bauldree and Christian his wife was born the 13th day of September.  
AD 1828

Rachel Bauldree Daughter of Isaac Bauldree and Christian his wife was born the 25 August AD 1831

Richard Bauldree Son of Isaac Bauldree and christian his wife was born the 6 day of November AD 1833

William J. Bauldree Son of Isaac Bauldree and christian his wife was born the 15 day of November AD  
1837

Susan Bauldree daughter of Isaac Bauldree and Christian his wife was born the 6th day of September  
1840

Elias Allen Bauldree son of Isaac Bauldree an Christian his wife was born the 3 Day of September the  
AD 1843

Susan E Baldree Wife of Elias A Baldree was bornd July the 3 AD 1845

John. Arnold. Baldree son of William Baldree and Martha his wife was born November the 6 A.D. 1881.

Isaac Mordecai Baldree son of William Baldree and Martha his wife was born June the 16 1883.

Veedie Delitha Baldree daughter of Timothy Baldree and Winnie his wife was born September the 19  
1882.

Annie Melissa Baldree Daughter of Timothy and Winnie his wife was born Oct. 4, 1886.

#### DEATHS

Elias A Baldree the sun of Isaac Baldree died November the 17 1863 in his 21 year

Isaac Baldree died July 3, in 1872

Veedie Delitha Baldree the daughter of Timothy Baldree and Winnie his wife died November the 2.  
1882.

Isaac Mordecai Baldree the son of William Baldree and Martha his wife, died January the 17 1884.

Delitha Baldree, the wife of Arnold T. Baldree died Jan. the 24, 1895

Arnold T. Baldree Died June 3, 1904

*Extra pages written in old style handwriting:*

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William Baldree the sund of A T Baldree and D Baldree was Born June 5th 1855

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Temothey Baldree the sund of A T Baldree and Delithe was Bornd June 4th 1859

Isaac Baldree the sund of A T Baldree and Delithe Baldree was Born January 2th 1861

Lafayette Baldree the sund of A T Baldree and Delithe Baldree was Born March the 11th 1863

Robard Baldree the sund of A T Baldree Delithe Baldree was Born september the 14 the 1865

Arnold T. Baldree son of Isaac & Christian Baldree was born Sep. 13 1828.

Delitha Baldree, daughter of Alfred & Elizabeth Byrd was borned Oct. 18 1832

Priscilla Baldree, daughter of Arnold T. & Delitha Baldree was born June 22, 1854

William Baldree, Son of Arnold T & Delitha Baldree was born June 5 1855

Edward S Baldree, Son of Arnold T. & Delitha Baldree was born May 18 1857

Timothy Baldree, Son of Arnold T. & Delitha Baldree, was born June 4, 1859

Isaac Baldree, Son of Arnold T. & Delitha Baldree was born Jan 2, 1861

Lafayette Baldree, Son of Arnold T. & Delitha Baldree was born March 11, 1863

Robert [^ inserted here] Robert Lee Baldree, Son of A T Baldree [torn] Delitha [torn] [^ inserted  
above tear] Sept 14, 1865

Nancy E. [or C.?] Baldree, Daughter of Arnold T. [torn] Delitha Baldree was born Aug. 25 1867

Martha Baldree, Daughter of Arnold T. & Delitha Baldree was born Nov. 8, 1870

[repeated at bottom of last page]

\*Robert Lee Baldree, Son of Arnold T. and Delitha Baldree was born Sept. 14, 1865





# JOHNSON FAMILY LETTERS, 1833-1845

Photocopies of the originals contributed by member Clarise B. Soper of Hattiesburg, MS. Transcribed by Elizabeth Ross.



From Robert JOHNSON

[Cover to] Mr. James JOHNSON Junr.

Bensboro

Pitt county

North carolina

[from] Harrisburg, Tn

25 Decr

State of Tennessee Dyer county December the 15th day 1833

Dear Brothers. I once more Embrace the opportunity of writing a few lines to inform you that I am enjoying good health at present, hoping that these lines will reach you houses and find you all enjoying the same. I have not much to write as it has not been long since I wrote to Father, and Brother Charles. People are generally healthy here at this time. I understand that crops are very sorry with you this year and they ware not first rate here. I housed about seventy Barrels of corn. Corn is selling from one Dollar to one Dollar and twenty five cents per Barrell Cotton from two Dollars to two Dollars and fifty cents. Pork they all ask three Dollars and fifty cents per cwt [?] but I dont like to give that much yet \_\_\_\_ [illeg. word]. Dear brother I should be glad to see you all once more But I dont know whether I ever shall or nor [illeg. phrase] I came to that country again it will be a good while first I expect. I have worked a little at my trade] this year. But have not received much money. Nor neither have I but very little due me for it seemed that I owed every Body. So I cant let you know yet whether it is a first rate place for your trade or k\_\_\_\_ [illeg., looks like know]. The last letter I received from you you stated that you did not expect even to get much more of my money that was due there. I expect that you never can collect much more of it, but you must do the best you can about it, and iff you do collect any of it send it to me iff it aint more than five Dollars at a time, for I am run pretty dlost for money all the time. I did not know there was such a call for meney when a person began to keep house. Iff I had I reccon that Is hould not of undertook it yet. But as I have undertook it I shall try to hold on Dear Brother I don't know whether you would better your self much to go to any county before you wish to settle your self or k\_\_\_\_ [illeg., looks like know]. But I do advise you never to think of settling your self in North Carolina for I know that you can do a great deal better here. For it does look astonishing to see how anything will grow here among the trees. Charles has got married I never can hear anything from him, But tell him I reccon the reason is because he always promised me that he was a coming here — and has now given it out. tell him that I expect the next thing that I hear from him he will be stuck down on some poor old sand pitt that was worn out before his Father was born. so tell him that I say not to think so much of dady & Mammy and come where he can have the pleasure of wearing out a country him self. I undersand that John NEWTON has gone back and is a going to settle on uncle Cornelius old place. tell him I am supprized at him. But tell him that the girls says the reason that made him dislike this county was because he got lost while he was here and cryed till his eyes turned red. also remember me to John tell him I should be glad to see him. Tell Father that I hant killed but one deer this fall, and I have shot the \_\_\_\_ [illeg. word] of twenty since I killed him. but I cant get no powder that my gun will kill with. I have such poor success that I have nearly given out hunting but when I went hunt for them they will come to me so I have to shoot them any how— Remember my love to Fathe & Mother tell them that that I should be happy to see them. Remember me to all my Brothers and sisters; Tell Simy [?] that I dont hear any thing from him now a days and for all I know he may may be dead Married or something. For every time that I hear from there somebody is married. But as for my part I hant been to a wedding since I have been in the district. But people says that I am a courting of a little red headed girl. But I dont believe that I am — I hant heard any thing from Highland and Sally now in some time. Dear Brother I wish you to write to me



at every opportunity So I have no more at present. Only wishing to be remembered to my old acquaintance and enquiring friends; When this you see remember me tho many miles I distant be.  
Robert JOHNSON

To Brother Stephen. You may prepare to come to this country for about the time you will get grown the girls will be as thick here as black birds in a hog pen and iff you dont like them you can step over to the nation—among the little Indians and see how you like them for they will go a possum hunting with you quick.

Robert JOHNSON



From Robert & Jemima S. JOHNSON

[Cover to] Miss's. Annielaticia JOHNSON  
North carolina  
Pitt county  
Bensboro  
[from] Harrisburg, Tn  
27 May

State of Tennessee Dyer county May the 16th 1834

Dear Mother — I once more Embrace the opportunity of writing a few lines to inform you that myself and fammily are enjoying reasonable health at present. Thanks be to a kind Benefactor for the same Hoping that his communication may reach your hands and find you all enjoying the same. I received Brother James letter the 2nd day of May and was happy to hear that you were all well, But was sorry to hear the death of my Father. But I thought for several days before I received brother James' letter that I should hear the Death of some of you for it seemed to bare on my mind that something great had happened to some of you. Dear Mother I know that it looks to you like you are ruined. And will look more so when the fammily comes to be broke up and scattered. But Dear mother I would admonish you to bare anything as patiently as you can For our life is but a momentary thing at best. And also considder how many poor widdows and orphans there are in the world that are left destitute of food and raiment. Dear mother I wrote to Father and you by Mr. TISON which letter I expect you have received before now. But Brother James requested me to write immediately after I received his letter. But I have not done it tell now. For I was engaged to be marryed and I thought that I would not write tell it was over. I was marryed the 15th of this present Inst. I have a pretty little red headed girl to keep house for me. She is not yet fourteen years of age. But I could not afford to wate for her any longer. She came from Lenore County North Carolina. her name was Jemima S. NUNN. She wishes to be remembered to you all and particularly to you for some of the old women has told her about you and how you said that iff I ever marryed how glad you should be to see her. therefore she sends you her best respects. Dear Mother I shoul be glad to see you all once more but I dont know whether I ever shall or not—For we are a great ways apart. My wifes Father Died a few weeks before Father did. I did once look for Brother Charls in this country but I have lost all hopes of ever seeing him in this country and I also expected to see Brother James here some time or other but I have nearly lost all hopes of that for by his letter I perceive that he is inclined to stay in that poor old country. I understand that he is acourting over on sandy ridge and iff he gets marryed there he is safe for the conetoe swamps as well as Charles. But I think that they had both better leave that old country and come here tell them that Aunt Absly says she expects that John NEWTON has put them out of heart of this country. She says tell them that they han't no buziness a staying there. And Jemima says she thinks that Brother had better come and look at this country for she thinks iff he would that he would have no inclination to stay there any longer. Tell Stephen that I shall begin to persuade him next as I am about to fail in the first two. I am in hopes I shall not fail in the third. tell him not to think of staying there—to get marryed for there will [be] lots of girls here in a year or two—Dear mother I must now come to a





close hoping that iff I never more see you again in this time world that we may be prepared to meet in joy in the eternal world where the parting of parents and children will be known no more.

Robert & Jemima S. JOHNSON

N.B. Write to me at every opportunity and remember me to all enquiring friends iff there be any iff I was in that country again I would move



From Robert JOHNSON

[Cover to] Mrs. Annalaticia JOHNSON

Pitt county

N.C.

Politeness of Mr. Bynum

Tennessee Dyer County \_\_\_\_\_ [Inside address and date clipped on photocopy]

Dear Mother I once more Embrace the opportunity of writing a few line to inform you myself and fammily are enjoying moderate health at present. Thanks be to a kind and merciful God for the same. Hoping that these few lines may reach your hands and find you and fammily enjoying the same. We had a daughter Born the twentyeth of August we call her after your name Annalaticia. Jemima is as well as could be expected I am in tollerable health tho not so well as I used to be but I feel abundantly thankful to almighty God that I am as well of as I am for Dear Mother I have been very lo since I saw you and never expected to be as well as I am I received your letter forwd. by Mr. Wooten and also the presents that you sent us and was happy to hear that you were well. Times is tolerable Good here every thing is selling very high. Crops are not very good we had a very wet spring and part of the summer and then we suffered very much with the drouth [drought]. Tho I think that I have a better crop than I had last year. My neighbors are generally healthy. We have not had near so much sickness this fall yet as we have had for the last two years. Dear Mother I could write a good deal to you if I had time but I write these lines by candle light as Mr. BYNUM is in a hurry. I only send you a few lines agreeable to promise at every opportunity. so I will not let it be long before I write to you again. I wish you to remember me to all my Brothers Sisters, tell them I should be glad to see them all. Dear mother I am glad to hear that you are left in a sittuation that I think you can live. And now dear mother dont think hard of me for cautioning you to mind and stay so for I know that it is the nature of the human fammily to marry. and rather than I should bear the mortification to hear that you had forsaken your little children like my mother in law has I had rather hear that you had gone to your grave. But Mother I have that confidence in you to believe that you never will forske your children for the sake of another man for I know that you have seen the evil of it often times. and if you remain as you are and should ever come to suffer I hope I shall always be that son that will do every thing in my power to assist you, Dear Mother I now come to a close hoping that if I never see you again in time that we may be prepared to meet in glory where parting is no more. wishing you to pray for me that my live may be more devoted in the service of my God. that when Christ comes to make up his jewals, that I may be found in that bundle amen. Write to me at every opportunity,

Robert JOHNSON

Phillis had a Son Born the 4th Sepr. she Calls it Ander.



From Cornelius JOHNSON & Abcilla JOHNSON

[Cover to] Mr's. Analaticia Johnson Ser.

North carolina

Pitt county

Bensboro

[from] Chesnut Bluff Ten

September 7



Free, Cornelius Johnson, P.M.

Chesnut Bluffs Tennessee September 5th 1837

Dear Sister and fammerly after a long Delay We Take the opportunity of addressing you by letter to inform you that we are all injoying of reasonable health at preasant thanks be to God for his mer-ces hoping these lines will arive Safe to you and find you and fammerly injoying the like blesing. Dear Sister tho I have long neglected to rite to you I have often thout of you and Shold be glad to See you but as I have no prospect that I ever Shall See you again in this life I Shold be glad you wold Rite to me and let me no how you do and all of your children as we cant meet together as we ust to do we Shold be glad glad to hear from you every opportunity. Times Seames to be ded [? deel or dul?] in this country and mony Scarce our crops in only Common we had a prospect of the likelest Cops of Corn when we laid by our Crops that I ever have Sean in ths Country but the druth [drought] has cut our crops Short we hant had a Season to wet the ground from the Second Sunday in July until now we have Rain and appear that we Shall have a plenty. We Shall make a plenty of Corn and to Spare the State of religion is dull with us tho I think it Seams that the propect is better than it has bean the people Seames to pay a better attention to preaching and Seame to be more affected under the word than they have bean tho not no Revivall among us. I have only baptised one in thwelve months that was Minisa Williams I baptised hear the Second Sunday in last month but I hope the lord will Revive his work among us and else where for I long to See Sion prosper and flurish until there will be none left on earth to advocate the cause of Sin oh Dear Sister I have long listened to hear of your coming over to the lords Side and Joining his church on earth but I have never heard the good news of a prodigal Returned to his farthers house and can it be posable that I never Shall hear of your Joying his people marching to canaans happy land—I hope not but I hope that when you Rite to me that I Shall hear that you have become a pilgram and have taken up the cross and are on your march Sionwards for I no the time is Short with you as well as me and you will prepare to meet me after death in a better word than this where we'l meet to part no more but heaven will ring with praise for dying love and Redeeming grace may the lord prepare in a mantion on high and inable us to meet at his right hand is my prayer for Christ Sak I must inform you Robert Johnson wife has bean verry Sick but is gitting well fast there Child has bean verry like to dy but has got over it Sicknes nearly but it has the polsy in one Side of it and have lost the use of one hand and one leg and foot and I fear it allways will be a cripple fare well dear Sister and fammerly my wife and childen Joynes me in love to you All

Cornelius JOHNSON

Abcilla JOHNSON



From Robert JOHNSON & J. S. JOHNSON

[Cover to] M'rs. Annalaticia JOHNSON Ser.

Falkland

Pitt county

N.C.

[from] Chesnut Bluff Tenn

June 26th 1845

Free, Robert Johnson, P.M.

Chesnut Bluffs Tenn Dyer county June 26th 1845

Dear Mother—I once more take my pen in hand to inform you that we are all enjoying moderate health at present thanks be to a kind benefactor for the same — Hoping that this communication may reach you and find you all enjoying the same. I have been thinking about writing to you for some time but have neglected it tell now. Thos I have nothing of much importance to write to you. We have had a tolerable pretty Spring and Sumer My Wheat is only tolerable my corn crop looks as promising as I ever had I shall finish hilling of it to day. My cotton crop is very sorry tho, it has a





good many blooms in it at this time the lice has damaged it very bad so much that I think I need not expect to make more than half a crop. My last years crop only neated me \$5\_\_\_ [illeg., looks like 5.4.?] Cw't. My coffee cost me \$.8 pr Cw't Sugar \$.7 \_\_\_ [?] Molasses 42 cts pr. gallon. All our country produce sells very cheap and money continues scarce All our neighbours are well I believe and I think there is not much sickness in our country at this time Annalaticia continues to have convulsions yet and I am fearful always will for I have tryed to get her cured tell its almost seems useless. I have tryed the most skillful Doctor in our state and it seems that they have done her but very little good if any. Some time this fall I want to have her put under the influence of magnetism as it is the opinion of some of the faculty that if she is mesmerized tell she is wholly under the influence of it that it will cure her And I am determined to use every effort in my power to get her cured regardless of expence. I have been plagued very much trying to settle up the estates that I administered upon and am in hopes that I will get through with them by Christmas next and if I do I think I shall never under under take another unless it should be some of my relations. Tho I have never sustained any loss by it yet it is a troublesome and unthankful business. We have but very little fruit this year. Dear mother religion seems to be at a very lo ebb with us at this time. it seems that the political excitement of 44 has led nearly all the professors out of the way and when this is the case we may expect that the Lord will not bless us. but I hope the time will again come when Christians will be at there posts and then we may expect to receive refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord. I wish you to remember me to all my Brothers and sisters for I should be glad to see them all. I also wish to be remembered to all our relations in that country and to all who enquire after me if any. Dear Mother when I reflect on the land of my nativity the country that gave me birth and the place of my boyhood where I spent the days of my youth I seem for a moment to be there. But as time and circumstances alter cases it is not reasonable to suppose that we shall every enjoy each others presence much more if any in this world therefore it should be our chief concern to try to live so as to be prepared to meet in glory when our mortal Bodys shall repose in there mother dust for there is a promise left us if we live Godly in Christ Jesus. I must come to a close wishing you to write to me at every oportunity. we remain you son and Daughter tell death

Robert JOHNSON

J. S. JOHNSON

I now write a few lines to Sister Martha JOHNSON

Dear Sister

in answer to yours I can say to you I received it in due time and was happy to hear from you and to know that you thought enough of me to write to me You say that you have not forgotten me and I can assure you that I have not forgotten you tho when I think about you it yet seems to me you are a child. Tho I know you must be a woman it pleased our children very much when we received you letter and they are often t\_\_\_\_\_ [illeg., talking?] about there aunt Martha. Now I should be glad you would marry some smart industrious prudent man that would bring you to this country and settle near enough to us so that we could visit each other I think it would be great satisfaction to me now suppose you try but I would not have him if he was a going to keep me there in that old worn out country. For tho you are a girl act like a man and put away them childish notions which actuate so many people to stay in the county were they were born to there own injury but as I have written to mother I will come to a close requesting you to write to me at every oportunity tho I recon this is the las letter I can \_\_\_\_\_ [illeg.] to you. I believe I shall resign being Post Master I am tired of it it is so much trouble we remain your Brother and sister

Robert JOHNSON

J. S. JOHNSON

### SURPRISE MARRIAGE [#2]

**Surprise Marriage.** Telegrams were received here from New Bern, Thursday night, stating that Mr. W. L. HALL and Miss Janie TYSON had been married there. They were in a party that left here on the afternoon Norfolk & Southern train for Morehead, hence the announcement that they had stopped in New Bern and were married was a surprise. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. TYSON and a most popular young lady. (*Daily Reflector*, July 3, 1908, Fri.)





# QUERIES

SPENCE, James Madison, b. ca. 1810 Lenoir Co., NC. Lived in Liddell District, Strabane Township, Lenoir Co. Married Nancy GOODMAN. Any info. on SPENCE name appreciated.  
—Sloan S. MASON; 125 Durham Dr.; Fayetteville, GA 30214 (770-460-8615). E-mail GLSG91A@prodigy.com.

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Seeking information on Silas WITHERINGTON, b. Mar. 18, 1795, and his parents. Also seeking information on Spencer HADDOCK, b. ca. 1818, and his parents. His wife was Lovey SMITH, daughter of Joshua W. SMITH. Any information will be helpful.  
—Robert KIRK; 3190 Mobley's Bridge Rd., Grimesland, NC 27837; FAX (919) 752-5186; e-mail: RobertKirk@juno.com.

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Looking for info. on MOORE family of Pitt Co., NC. Particularly William Calhoun MOORE. His daughter m. Louis Bryant MUMFORD, son of Louis and Mary CANNON MUMFORD. William's daughter was named Susan Brown MOORE.  
—Gary and Joanne MUMFORD HILL; 944 E. Broadway; Cushing, OK 74023-3538 (918-225-1410).

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Who is the Mary SUTTON that married John GOSBY? Who were her parents? Did she belong to the family of George and Sarah TILDEN SUTTON? Any help appreciated.  
—Elsie M. DAVID; 3665 D. ST. NE. Apt. A; Salem, OR 97301-2952 (503-585-5780).

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Would like any info. on anyone related to the HARDEN, HARDIN, HARDING families.  
—Jeanne HARDEN; 592 Alandale Dr.; Tallmadge, OH 44278-1412 (330-630-2306).

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Benjamin RICE, b. ca. 1804, md. to Elizabeth BANKS on Feb. 20, 1836 in Crav. Co., NC. Lived in what later became Pamlico Co., NC.  
—Darrell ROGERS; 340 Cooper Road; Bayboro, NC 28515 (919-745-4736).

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Seeking info. on the James O. PROCTOR family. He was b. Feb. 10, 1852, d. Feb. 12, 1927. Lived in Grimesland, Pitt Co., where he and his brother William Elijah PROCTOR ran a mercantile store. He md. Bettie Susan JOHNSTON, b. Oct. 29, 1861, d. Feb. 1930. They are both buried in Greenwood Cem. in Greenville. His sister Ida PROCTOR md. James Samuel HARRIS on Dec. 31, 1889.  
—Janie M. JOHNSTON; 303 Grimmersburg St.; Farmville, NC 27828-1427.

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Who were the parents of the wife of Pitt Co. Rev. War Capt. David ROACH, Sr., brother of Capt. Charles ROACH, Sr., of Craven Co., NC.? David's daughter Sussannah ROACH wed Wm. Spencer MURPHY.  
—J. A. L. MILLER, Jr.; 2810-K Carriage Drive; Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328 (910-723-0500)

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Seek info. on parents John GRIFFIN, b. ca. 1848 in Pitt Co., md. Feb. 8, 1866 to Sarah BELL, b. ca. 1852 in Pitt Co., parents of Joseph GRIFFIN, b. May 28, 1867 in Pitt Co.  
—Shirleyan Beacham PHELPS; 5806 NC Hwy 32 South; Plymouth, NC 27962 9732 (919-793-5236).

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Bright HARPER m. Winifred (Polly) CARTER (Lenoir/Duplin Counties, NC). Daughter Winifred HARPER, b. 1838, d. 1918, m. William Ivey SMITH, b. 1830, d. 1907. Their dau. Mary Winifred SMITH, b. 1856, d. 1912, m. James Henderson HILL, b. 1855, d. 1928 (Lenoir/Jones Counties). Kenneth Hill BRINSON; 284 Shoreline Drive; New Bern, NC 28562-9519 (919-636-2038).

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Request info. on any POWELL relations from around Vanceboro, NC. Would like to exchange photos, info., etc., but will pay for same if necessary.  
—Arlene F. WILLS; 111a Manchester Drive; Raleigh, ND 27609-5155 (919-781-3625).

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Thomas JORDON, Sr., living in Horry Co., SC, ca. 1850. Grandfather of Melvina HARDEE who md. Benjamin Asbury HARDEE about 1870. Also, Benjamin DORMAN whose daughter (Avey Jane) md. Henry HARDEE about 1845. [2 queries combined]  
—James C. CAUSEY; 1407 Cox Ferry Road; Conway, SC 29528 (803-347-3352).

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Would like to find any information about following families: ALDRIDGE, HARRISS, HARDY, HILL, JACKSON, MCGOWAN and TURNAGE.

—Anne KINKER; 1930 Camborne Rd.; Richmond, VA 23236-2125 (804-745-0615).

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Need information to determine if Edmund (Edward) HARRIS married Gatsy (Gatsey) ROLLINGS ca. 1841 and had daughter named Rilla Ann HARRIS (b. ca. 1855). Trying to find Rilla Ann HARRIS who had been Johnson TEEL's second wife.

—Oscar D. TEEL; 17870 Frondoso Dr.; San Diego, CA 92128-1319.

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Frances DAVENPORT md. Wiley BRILEY of Pitt Co. ca. 1879. The 1880 census lists mo [?] as C. DAVENPORT. Need parents of Frances. Frances and Wiley went to Halifax Co., NC, prior to 1870.

—Bea HUDSON; 138 Glenwood Rd.; Hampton, VA 23660-1824 (757-851-2681) e-mail:

SLOWM@AOL.COM.

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Seeking info. on Rev. Jesse BAKER, b. ca. 1768 in Bertie Co., d. ca. 1840 in Marlboro, Pitt Co. Wife said to have been a CARR. Known children: 1. John Bunyan md. Lucitta CARSON or TYSON; 2. William James; 3. Jesse J. md. Zilphia \_\_\_\_\_?; 4. Absaly md. Turner MURPH[RE]Y; 5. Martha md. Richard CARSON; 6. Ben Asa; 7. Rachel BAKER.

—Bill MURPHY; Route 6, Box 237; Tarboro, NC 27886 (919-823-8466).

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Seeking info. on John KITTRELL (a son of John KITTRELL d. 1818 and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_). He md. Martha, dau. of Ambrose WORTHINGTON/WETHERINGTON (Feb. 25, 1768—ca. 1824) and wife Susan MILLS. Two known daughters were Elizabeth b. 1818, md. Benjamin TAYLOR, and Mary, b. 1829, md. Abner EASON.

—Bill MURPHY; Route 6, Box 237; Tarboro, NC 27886 (919-823-8466).

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Seeking info. on parents of Benjamin MOORE, b. ca. 1770, d. before Oct. 30, 1837, Pitt Co., NC.

—F. Claiborne JOHNSTON; 7009 Lakewood Dr.; Richmond, VA 23229.

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Seeking data on Leamond Onnie ALLEN, b. Aug. 10, 1910 or 1911 in Nash Co., NC, ran Allen's Grocery Store in Spring Hope, NC, on Popular Street until late 1960s. Also seeking info. on Martha PULLEY (b. 1800s) in Nash Co., was mother to Lurinda PULLEY and Charlie PULLEY. [2 queries in one].

—Leamond Anthony ALLEN; 4210 S. Artesian Ave., 2nd floor; Chicago, IL 60632-1204 (773-254-2903).

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Thomas MOBLEY, b. 1814 in NC, living Pitt Co. 1850–1880; md. ca. 1840 Abaley/Absely \_\_\_\_\_. 10 children: Mary A., b. 1842; Rebecca Ann, b. 1843, md.1 George W. MEARS 1864 Pitt Co., md.2 Enock POLLARD, m.3 \_\_\_\_\_?, md.4 \_\_\_\_\_?; Martha J., b. 1844; James H. b. 1845; Frances Ann Elizabeth, b. Jan. 1846, md.1 Joseph MERRITT ca. 1870, md.2 Marshall ELKS 1881 in Pitt; Henry, b. 1849; Thomas; Ransom A., b. Feb. 1850, md. Rebecca WHICHARD 1873 Pitt, d. 1934 Pitt; John R., b. 1855, d. 1927, md.1 Delphia DUNN 1892, md.2 Susan WILLIAMS 1897; Mack Gilbert MOBLEY, b. 1857, d. 1921, invalid.

—Virginia H. STULTZ; 960 W. Elva St.; Idaho Falls, ID 83402 (208-523-1780)

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Seek anecdotal info. about my g.grandfather Richard A. (Dick) NICHOLS (son of J. Nelson NICHOLS) and his wife Nellie E. JOYNER NICHOLS (dau. of James Thomas JOYNER). Anything appreciated.

—Lisa HOPPER (NICHOLS); 4212 Azalea Dr.; Raleigh, NC 27612 (919-781-0426) e-mail 72263.3155@compuserve.com, or LNHopper@aol.com.

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In 1771, Pvt. Francis ROACH, Capt. Wm. MCKINNIES, 2nd Co., Dobbs Co., NC, Militia, fought at the Battle of Alamance. Francis, b. Fairfax Co., VA, in 1739, and moved from Dobbs Co., NC, to Mercer, Lincoln, Washington, and Livingston Counties in KY. In 1806, he was in St. Clair Co., ILL, and in 1832 was in Madison Co., ILL, applied for patriot's pension. In 1847, his kinsman Richard S. NELSON was living in Metropolis, ILL. How was Pvt. Francis ROACH of Dobbs Co. kin to my Revolutionary War Capt. David ROACH, Sr., of Pitt Co., and his bro. Capt. Charles ROACH, Sr., of Craven County?

—J. A. L. Miller, Jr.; 2810-K Carriage Drive; Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328 (910-723-0500)

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Need any info on Margaret ALLISON, daughter of David. She was b. ca. 1760, d. May 29, 1844 in Mecklenburg, NC. David born ca. 1702; who did he marry?; names of his children?

—Helen D. DOTTS; 7501 Palm Ave. #127; Yucca Valley, CA 92284-3652.

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The PCFR secretary mentioned, about a year ago, that one of our members has a copy of the will of Charles ROLLINS (d. ca. 1845). As I have only the legal notes relative to such a will (published in a previous issue of PCGQ), I would be indebted to the member for a copy of the actual will, and would be pleased to pay any expenses for copying and mailing. Charles Rollins was my 4-greats grandfather, by way of his dau. Rebecca Rollins ROSS.

—Elizabeth ROSS; 307 S. Library St.; Greenville, NC 27858.

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*The following queries were received too late to appear in earlier issues of the 1997 Quarterly. This issue completes all queries forwarded to the production editor for the 1997 year.*

Seek data Ambrose JACKSON, b. ca. 1690 possibly VA; dau. Anne m. Samuel HARWELL ca. 1730, Dinwiddie Co., VA; her dau. Susannah HARWELL m. Reeves WESTMORELAND; their son, Jackson H. m. Nancy HIPPO on July 16, 1808 in NC. No other info for JACKSON. Will pay expenses.

—Helen D. DOTTS; 7501 Palm Ave. #127; Yucca Valley, CA 92284-3652; e-mail: hdrbd@eee.org.

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Joseph MERRITT was an older man when he married Frances Ann Elizabeth MOBLEY, b. Jan. 1846 Pitt Co., d. Sept. 1929 Halifax Co., NC. Son William Thomas Columbus, b. Aug. 30, 1877 in Pitt, d. 1929 in Halifax Co. Father d. before 1880 census. Unable to find any info on Joseph MERRITT. Fannie MOBLEY MERRITT m. Marshall ELKS. Her son W. T. C. thereafter used the name ELKS. Was Joseph MERRITT previously married and had children as he was 20 yrs. older than Fannie? Couldn't find in 1860–1870 Pitt Co. censuses.

—Virginia H. STULTZ; 960 W. Elva St.; Idaho Falls, ID 83402 (208-523-1780)

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Wm. A. ELKS of Pitt Co., b. 1820, md.1 Rebecca NICHOLS, b. 1820 in NC, d. before 1852. Children: 1) Sarah W., 1846, d. 1929 Pitt, md. Wm. R. BAKER. Children: John W., James Isaac, Jesse E. BAKER; 2) James L., 1848, d. 1912 Norfolk, VA, md. Caroline PHELPS Jan. 1870 Pitt Co. 13 children; 3) Jane E., 1850, d. before 1860. Wm. A. ELKS md.2 Arcena \_\_\_\_\_, b. 1825 in NC. Children: Allen Marshall 1853, md. Frances Ann E. MOBLEY MERRITT; Della Arceny 1864, md. Edmond SPAIN 1883 Pitt Co.; Mary Eliz. 1857, d. 1908 Pitt Co., md. Thomas MOZINGO 1878 Pitt Co.; Eliza 1862, d. 1924, md.1 \_\_\_\_\_BYMAN [Bynum?], md.2 William MINION 1883 Pitt Co. Will appreciate additions or corrections.

—Virginia H. STULTZ; 960 W. Elva St.; Idaho Falls, ID 83402 (208-523-1780)

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Thomas SPAIN, b. 1760, d. Jan. 25, 1840, m. 1783 Jemima SUMMERAL, b. ?, d. Dec. 26, 1845. Children: Polly 1784; Drury 1790; Thomas, Jr. 1792; Ruthy 1802; David, b.?, age ca. 4. Who were Thomas's parents; who were Jemima's parents? Polly died without issue; Drury m. Talitha TEEL; Ruthy m. Tommy TEEL. Who did Thomas, Jr., marry?

—Jeffrey W. MEEKS; 7084 NC 33 East; Grimesland, NC 27837; (919-752-9634).

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Who were the parents of John MEEKS, b. 1817, d. 1880, m. 1848 to Sallie VAINWRIGHT, b. 1822, d. 1900. Children: Frances M. DAVENPORT, William Godfrey MEEKS, James Allen MEEKS, John Stanley MEEKS, David MEEKS, Martha M. DAVENPORT, Brittainia M. BRILEY, Armacy M. THOMAS, and Wyatt M. MEEKS.

—Jeffrey W. MEEKS; 7084 NC 33 East; Grimesland, NC 27837; (919-752-9634).

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Who were parents of Sallie VAINWRIGHT, b. 1822, d. 1900, m. 1848 John MEEKS (above)? Sallie's youngest son Wyatt M. m. Zilphia Ann BRILEY, dau. of William Lawrence Gray BRILEY and Rebecca VAINWRIGHT. Were Sallie and Rebecca sisters?

—Jeffrey W. MEEKS; 7084 NC 33 East; Grimesland, NC 27837; (919-752-9634).

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Seeking info on Isaac HARDY ca. 1815, m. 1845 Philia COX, ca. 1828. Bought old Willis WILSON homeplace from James HARDY who was md. to Sophia COX. Isaac HARDY's children: Louisa, Susan M., Octovus, William Allen, Ben Franklin, Henry Hunter, Peter Randal, Soloney Ann Elizabeth, Delzora, and Philia HARDY.

—Jeffrey W. MEEKS; 7084 NC 33 East; Grimesland, NC 27837; (919-752-9634).

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Who were the parents of Jn. Daniel JONES? Dan first appears in the 1850 Pitt Co. census. Head of house was Nancy JONES, b. 1807. Her children were: John T., b. 1831; James H., b. 1833; Robert, b. 1836; Joseph, b. 1840; Jn. Daniel JONES, b. 1844. Any help appreciated.

—Jessie J. SAPP; 3530 Wiggins Lane; Cantonment, FL 32533-4808; (850-968-6701)

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Who were the grandparents of Martha Ann (Jane) TAYLOR, b. 1844 in Pitt Co.? Martha's death cert. state that her parents were Haritte Rose, b. Pitt Co., and Wesson TAYLOR, birth place unknown.

—Jessie J. SAPP; 3530 Wiggins Lane; Cantonment, FL 32533-4808; (850-968-6701)

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Who were the grandparents of Lucy Perry ANDREWS? Her father was William Bryant PERRY, b. 1811, and Chrissie RIDDICK, b. 1812. Chrissie was first married to a KING. This was a Martin County family. Help appreciated.

—Jessie J. SAPP; 3530 Wiggins Lane; Cantonment, FL 32533-4808; (850-968-6701)

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Who were the grandparents of Mary Louise (Ann) MARTIN, b. 1861? Her parents were Mary Ann PEELE and Ed MARTIN. Uncertain of which county, but it was in general area of Martin County. Any help appreciated.

—Jessie J. SAPP; 3530 Wiggins Lane; Cantonment, FL 32533-4808; (850-968-6701)

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Will of Gideon ALLEN, b. ca. 1775, d. between 1840–1850; seeking spouse, children, and parents, Pitt County. Also seeking parents of Dewey FLANNIGAN ALLEN, b. ca. 1787, d. between 1860–1870, wife of Gideon ALLEN. (2 queries in one)

—Joe R. (Joseph) Fowler, Jr.; 1403 S. Lake Park Blvd, Box 5; Carolina Beach, NC; (910-458-7668)

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1) Caleb CANNON, d. ca. 1815–1820, m. Celia CANNON who later md. a HART; 2) Caleb CANNON m. Mary ROUNTREE to whom Cecilia CANNON was b. 1837; 3) Caleb CANNON m. Martha Selina CANNON and sired Thomas Eugene CANNON in 1883. How do the above three Caleb CANNONS relate?

—Joe R. (Joseph) FOWLER, Jr.; 1403 S. Lake Park Blvd, Box 5; Carolina Beach, NC; (910-458-7668)

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Seeking info. on Noah ARNOLD, b. ca. 1810. Lived in the Black Jack area of Pitt. He had a dau. Sarah that m. Henry Harvey HUDSON of Pitt. Would like to know name of his wife and parents. Also seeking info. on Teresa E. TAYLOR, b. ca. 1810; she m. Jesse HUDSON of Pitt. Who were her parents? (2 queries in one).

—Randy S. Mills; 409 E. 11th Street; Washington, NC 27889-3718 (919-946-7244)

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Seeking info. on Thomas CRISP, b. ca. 1827, and his wife Penelope WOOTEN, b. ca. 1834. They lived in the Falkland area of Pitt. Who were their parents? Also seeking info. on W. L. STOCKS, b. ca. 1833, and his wife Susan LOVING. They lived in Pitt and were married Oct. 29, 1851. Would like info. on their parents. (2 queries in one)

—Randy S. MILLS; 409 E. 11th Street; Washington, NC 27889-3718 (919-946-7244)

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One Levi ADAMS purchased land in Anson Co., NC, in 1799 and 1801. One Levi ADAMS showed on the 1790 census of Pitt Co. and received a grant of land in Pitt in 1783. One Levi ADAMS of Anson Co. sold land in Pitt Co. in 1799. A court ordered settlement of land of one Levi ADAMS in Anson Co. in 1819 included lands to John. One John ADAMS m. Sarah PRATT, both of Anson Co., and left a will proved in 1849 in Anson. We believe the evidence exists in these facts to conclude that all refer to the same Levi ADAMS. We still seek proof that the John ADAMS of the 1849 will is the John, son of Levi, in the court settlement. The BRILEY family of Pitt Co. may be associated.

—Charley SCOTT; 10100 Hillview Rd. #633; Pensacola, FL 32514-5461 (850-479-2782)

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John B. ADAMS and Nancy HINSON were m. in 1837 in Anson County. This John B. ADAMS was a son of John ADAMS whose will was proved in Anson Co. in 1849. Information is sought on the HINSON family.

—Charley SCOTT; 10100 Hillview Rd. #633; Pensacola, FL 32514-5461 (850-479-2782)

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Seek descendants of Rigney MURPHY/MURPHEY and Guilford MURPHY. How are they kin to Capt. John MURPHY, Sr., Mrs. Elizabeth MURPHY, Capt. William MURPHY, Capt. Michael MURPHY, ship's master Jethro MURPHY, John MURPHY, Jr., and Gale MURPHY? Did Gale marry?

—J. A. L. MILLER, Jr.; 2810-K Carriage Dr.; Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328

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## THE MAYO-CLARKE SHOOTOUT

From the New Bern District Civil Action Papers, DSCR 206.326.1; NC Archives, Raleigh, NC

State of North Carolina — Craven County

The examination and confession of Nathan MAYO taken before Alexr GASTON one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, this fourth day of Sept. 1777—This Examinant being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that on Friday the twenty second day of August last he and one Thomas CLARKE of Pitt County had a dispute respecting the disturbances and war between Great Britain and America, and the said Thomas CLARKE said that he would stand up for King George, and that no person who would not support him was fit to live; This deponant replied that any person who would not stand by and defend his Country ought to be taken up, upon which the said Thomas CLARKE cuelled a loaded gun which he then had in his hands, and snapt her at him, and upon her missing fire he drew the cock, shutt the pann again and endeavoured to discharge her at this deponant once or twice after the first attempt; This Deponant was not above fifteen steps from the said Thomas CLARKE when he snapt at him and about twenty yards from his own house. And when he discovered that said CLARKE was determined to have his life he run into the house and took a gun which was loaded with buck shot and discharged it at the said Thomas CLARKE; the whole load went into his left shoulder, the said CLARKE dropped immediately to the earth and his gun fell by his face. This Deponant further saith that the said Thomas CLARKE did not speak after he was shott, but died in about half an hour, and that there was not above two or three minutes from the time that CLARK attempted to kill him to the time of his discharging his gun at CLARKE; That they always before that time lived in Peace as neighbours, and that he bore him no malice, but that he shott the said Thomas CLARKE in defence of his own life, as he really believed that CLARKE would otherwise have killed him; That at the time when this happened the said Thomas CLARKE and this examinant were both in liquor and that no person was by when this happened

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Nathan — MAYO

Mark

sworn before me at New Bern this 4 day of Sept 1777 Alexr GASTON





# PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA



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